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FLOWERS THAT SAY IT AL

Emotional tributes appeared at the scene of David O'Leary's death within hours of the shooting, with flowers left by friends and family outside Lydden Lodge in quiet Valley Road. By Tuesday morning, 17 bouquets had been placed outside the house as police forensic teams, wearing white boiler suits, conducted a detailed fingertip search for clues inside the property. One card read: "David was like a brother not just a friend and Claire and I wil<mark>l miss him always. Dave <u>we</u> love you!</mark> Delorean and Claire.

BY TOM BETTS

POLICE have launched a murder investigation into the death of a man who died from gunshot wounds.

David John O'Leary was fatally injured at an address in Valley Road, Lydden, near Margate, at about 2.45am on Saturday.

Police officers received reports that a man had been shot, but the 31-year-old was already dead when they arrived at the scene.

The possibility that someone was lying in wait for Mr O'Leary when he returned after a night out has not been discounted by police.

Inquiries

Officers carried out extensive inquiries, including house-to-house calls, and they want to speak with anyone who may have information. It is not believed that there is any risk to the public.

Flowers and tributes to Mr O'Leary were laid

Flowers and tributes to Mr O'Leary were laid at the scene just hours after the incident. One read: "You will always be in our thoughts, we will miss you very much, lots of love Onzlo, Naomi and boys xxxx".

Others said: "Dave you will always be remembered and sadly missed. Love Jo and George xxxx" and "Gone but never forgotten — Dave you will always be sadly missed mate. Till we meet again. Rest in peace, Ben and Tasha xxx".

Yesterday, a forensic team wearing white suits continued its investigations at the property.

continued its investigations at the property, which is called Lydden Lodge.

Police officers guarded the front and back of the house, while a field at the top of the road was also cordoned off as the hunt for clues continued.

Anyone with information about the death is asked to phone the crime incident room on 01303 289600 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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DESTROYED: The crane fell on to an almost completed luxury home new-build in Kingsgate

It was the day the roof fell in

BY TOM BETTS

A CRANE has crashed through the roof of a building in Kingsgate.

The incident happened at about 8.50am on Friday last week when the crane's cab toppled sideways and the extending boom arm smashed through the roof of a luxury building

being built in Kingsgate Avenue.

The Health and Safety Executive has dealt with the situation, but paramedics, police and about 20 fire-fighters were initially called to the

No one was injured, but the crane driver was said to be extremely shocked.

Cllr Bob Bayford witnessed the aftermath on his way to work: "It looks as though the crane has picked up a portakabin and as it's swung it around over the roof of one of the new buildings it's become unstable.

Demolished

"The cabin crashed to the ground and the arm of the crane has demolished the top part of the house. Luckily no one was inside when it happened."

He added: "It's a hefty old bit of

equipment and it looks as though



TOPPLED: The boom arm of the crane extends across the road behind the house

another crane will have to be used to

get the thing out.
"It was an incredibly surprising thing on your way to work on a grey Friday morning in Kingsgate to see a huge crane across the road like that."

Builders were about two weeks from completing on a number of

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Fair enough, isle wins ethical mark

THANET is officially a Fairtrade isle. The status was awarded last week after three years of hard work to reach the goal.

A number of criteria have had to be satisfied to achieve the status. Local businesses, catering outlets and schools had to agree to stock products; the council had to participate; and organisers had to form a steering group to attract media support.

A declaration certificate was handed to Tammy Stewart Jones, the Thanet Fairtrade Initiatives chair-man, at their annual dinner. "We're absolutely delighted. This isn't a very wealthy part of the world but that's what makes it so special," she said.

Owner forgot dog

STAFF at a petrol station called police after becoming concerned about a dog at about 3pm on Sunday. Workers at the Total garage in St

Lawrence high street noticed the dog had been tied up for two hours and was starting to become aggressive towards customers.

The RSPCA were called, but the owner returned before they arrived. The owner had been to buy a paper but forgotten to take the pet home.

Popularity soars

DEMAND for summer getaways from Manston airport has resulted in some routes, including that to Croatia, selling out.

The airport's holiday providers – Newmarket Holidays, Kent Escapes and newcomors CI Trayel Service –

and newcomers CI Travel Service have all enjoyed a strong take-off in sales, says the airport.

It follows the successful Holiday Show at the Manston airport, near Ramsgate, in January.

Suspect arrested

POLICE have arrested a man on suspicion of causing grevious bodily

The 19-year-old from Westgate-on-Sea was arrested after a fight in Ramsgate's King Street at about 11.10pm on Sunday, March 2, when a 33-year-old suffered cuts to his face and damage to his eye in the incident. He was taken to the QEQM hospital for treatment.

A suspect was found and questioned with the help of CCTV and witnesses. Anyone with information is asked to call 01843 231055.

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Academy is bottom of the Kent league

But head says the tables are a 'no-brainer'

BY TOM BETTS

THE Marlowe Academy in Ramsgate has finished bottom of the county in the latest school league tables.

The Government gradings are based on results from 14-year-olds. They show the school at the bottom of the county pile in the key stage three tests taken by pupils in English, maths and science.

From 102 secondary schools in Kent, The Marlowe managed an average points score of just 25.4, almost two points behind Minster College in Sheppey, the next lowest, with 27.3 register.

Clarendon House Grammar, also in Ramsgate, was Thanet's best-performing school, with 42.9 points, placing it among the best in

The principal of The Marlowe Academy, Ian



BOTTOM: Ian Johnston, principal of Ramsgate's Marlowe Academy, has defended the performance of his school

Johnston, defended his school's performance.

He said: "We have been told that we are performing above the level expected for English and in both key stage two to key stage four, and key stage three to key stage four measures, showing performance above expecta-

But he added: "I am disappointed by the results and I am aware of where we are, but the kids got the grades of which they are capa-

ISLE RESULTS

Clarendon House Grammar School	42.9
Dane Court Grammar School	41.8
Ursuline College	35.6
Ellington School for Girls	32.9
The Charles Dickens School	32.6
Sandwich Technology School	32.6
St Georges C of E Foundation School	32.1
King Ethelbert School	31.1
Hartsdown Technology College	30.4
The Hereson School	30.2
The Marlowe Academy	25.4

The tables include a 'value added' score, which is designed to reflect the progress that pupils make from taking tests aged 11 at primary school (key stage two tests) and at the age of 14 (key stage three tests), published here.

ble and as a school the results are improving.

Results are on the up.

"Given the ability profile of students at the upper end of the school, we were always going to struggle to go above other schools.

"What frustrates me about league tables is

what trustrates me about league tables is that they're a no-brainer. Of course the schools who have the top 15 or 20 per cent of the ablility range will be at the top!"

Clarendon House head-teacher Jane Bennett, meanwhile, said: "Obviously, being a

grammar school, we have intelligent young people who come here, but we also have dedi-cated, hard-working staff and hard-working pupils who achieve well."

În the three subjects tested, Kent was slight-In the three studects tested, Kent was signi-ly below the national average, with the num-ber of pupils reaching the Government stan-dard falling short of target.

Despite this, Cllr Chris Wells, the county

council's cabinet member for education, gave an upbeat message.

He said: "The trend over the last five years or so has been one of improved educational achievements across the county as a whole and across all levels.
"There are bound to be dips in some years

because of different cohorts of pupils, but the general trend in Kent is one of improvement."

Charged with brother's murder

A MAN has been charged with the murder of his brother.

Louis Lumpkin, 27, of Artillery

Road, Ramsgate, was remanded in custody after he appeared before magistrates in Margate on Thursday last week. He is accused of

killing his brother Gary, 26.

He will appear at Maidstone
Crown Court tomorrow.

Gary was pronounced dead at 12.44am on Monday last week.

Police had been called to the scene some 30 minutes beforehand. A post-mortem examination revealed Gary had suffered multiple stab wounds.

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Jail for man caught with machine gun during police raid

A FIVE-YEAR prison sentence has

been handed to a man found in pos-session of a machine gun. Gavin Charters, of Ramsgate, was jailed by Judge Nigel van der Bijl after admitting his crime at Canterbury Crown Court. A semi-automatic MP5 machine

gun was found at his house during a police raid last year.

Armed police and dog handlers raided the house in Trove Court, Newcastle Hill, on December 4.

They seized cannabis with a street

value of £3,600 in an airing cup-board, plus cocaine wraps and LSD tabs. They also found the gun.

Charters received a six-month sentence for the possession of controlled substances with intent to supply.

PC Mark Thornby worked on the

case as part of the East Kent Tactical CID team. He said: "This is a good sentence and reflects the seriousness of the crime.

"The indication we had been given was that this case was heading to trial and we were all ready for that,



SENTENCED: Gavin Charters has been jailed

so we were very pleased when we got the guilty pleas and could wrap this

A 17-year-old girl from Newcastle Hill in Ramsgate was also arrested

during the operation.

She also appeared in court and admitted possession of cannabis with intent to supply. She received a

12-month conditional discharge.

She also admitted possession of cocaine and was given four months in a young offenders' institute which was later rescinded by the judge.

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yourthanet **NEWS** IN BRIEF

Youngsters to get the freedom of the county

THE Freedom Bus Pass scheme will be

rolled out in Thanet next year.

Children on the isle will be able to buy a £50 pass that covers their travel on

buses for the year.
From January, 2009, 11- to 16-yearolds can join the county council initiative to use the bus to travel to school and around the area.

It is hoped that the scheme will give parents more choice of where to send their child for secondary education and help reduce congestion on the roads as parents swap the lift to school for the annual pass.

KCC is the first authority in the country to introduce the pass after trials in Maidstone and Canterbury districts last year were judged to be successful.

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Action from the Big Sky Beach Cross racing event in Margate

Market enjoying the sweet taste of success

CLIFTONVILLE farmers market has won a top award for the second year run-

It scooped the Best Farmers Market gong at the 2007 Taste of Kent Awards held at Eastwell Manor near Ashford on

Wednesday last week.
The market, run by unpaid volunteers, takes place on the Oval Lawns, eastern Esplanade, Cliftonville, on the last Sunday of the month. Two producers who sell their fare at

the market also won awards at the Produced In Kent sponsored event.

Eddie Gilbert from Ramsgate was named best seafood retailer and The Ramsgate Brewery won best brewery.

Political row centres on 'hazardous homes' policy

BY TOM BETTS

A LABOUR councillor has called for a rethink on Thanet council policy toward homes of multiple occupation, saying the authority is treating its residents with contempt.

Cllr Michelle Venner has provided Yourthanet with figures which say there are currently 2,032 homes of multiple occupation (HMOs) in the district.

However, she says the council's plan to license 50 of these HMOs by March 2008 – which involves bringing them up to a better living standard through enforcement action - is far too low.

Cllr Fenner is adamant that the targets are simple to achieve and will not help improve the situation.
She said: "Considering the need to improve the

housing stock, including the HMOs, the targets set by the current administration are too low and would not really address the urgent situation."

She added: "The licence is to protect the local

community and is agreed on by the tenant, landlord and council. It is important."

In Thanet there are 12,000 privately owned dwellings categorised as non-decent and occu-

pied by vulnerable people.

The Regional Housing Board strategy is for improvements to 70 per cent of these dwellings nationwide.

Of the 2,032 HMOs in Thanet, 220 of them will need a licence under the mandatory scheme by 2010, but Cllr Fenner, the shadow cabinet member for housing, says Thanet council has only set out to license 100, a shortfall of 120 which will affect hundreds of people.

Homes of multiple occupation contain a high number of Category One Hazard homes. These are premises that could contain up to 29 possible hazards which could affect the health of its residents.

If a high enough number of faults are recorded at a property, the council has a duty to act.

Thanet council plans to inspect 40 per cent of the HMOs for these risks in 2007-08, 45 per cent of them in 2008-09, 50 per cent of them in 2009-10 and 55 per cent in 2010-11.

However, those targets still leave a large

and a potential danger to those living in them.

The Tories dispute the accuracy of the figures. Cllr Zita Wiltshire, cabinet member for housing, said: "Accusing the council of treating its residents with contempt is absolutely appalling and without foundation.

"It's a shame the figures being referred to here are inaccurate. We put people first and are working hard to improve housing conditions, but you've got to remember Thanet has a large number of privately rented properties that are non-decent and occupied by vulnerable people." She added: "We have a housing improvement

team I'm proud of, which works flat out to respond to a huge number of referrals from private tenants, as well as coming up with ways of improving the situation.

"The figure being mentioned of 2,030 HMOs is no longer valid as it is based on data from six years ago.

"Since then, this figure has significantly reduced. Our housing improvement team has already achieved impressive results, with energy efficiency improvements in nearly 200 properties in the private sector over the last two years."



BACK TO ITS

It's had a troubled few months, but a landmark Ramsgate building is to be restored and rebuilt. Number 1 Granville Marina was partially

demolished in January after the owner started work on the premises.
In August 2007 the council had ordered

the restoration of the Grade II-listed building, also known as the former Marina Restaurant, to bring the property up to standard.

However, the owner did not start until January, when the council was set to take over the renovations, and shortly afterwards cracks appeared in the side of the building. It was subsequently declared unsafe by

surveyors and parts of it was knocked down.

Thanet council's planning committee has issued the developers with a repairs notice, meaning the site will be restored to as near to its original condition as possible.

The Granville Marina is thought to be the world's first private beach resort and the restaurant was originally a photo studio built by John Thomas Wimperis, a favoured architect of the first Duke of Westminster.

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DRINK UP: The decision to grant the Liquor Locker an alcohol licence has angered councillors in the area

Magistrates slammed over offy licence

NEWS that magistrates have reinstated an off licence's right to sell alcohol has been slated by Thanet council Conservatives.

The licensee at Liquor Locker in Westbrook can sell booze again after a court overturned a decision to stop staff there selling alcohol in July last year.

The licence was withdrawn in October as under-age drinkers had reportedly been buy-ing alcohol from the shop, and its return has

sparked anger among local Tories.
Westgate-on-Sea ward councillor Simon

Moores was one to voice his dismay.

He said: "Under-age drinking is a local and national plague. As a council, we need to be

sending out a warning.
"We need to demonstrate a hardened and determined attitude to those who sell illegally sell alcohol to minors. The council considered the evidence and in my view took the only decision it could make in withdrawing the licence. This decision undermines the fight against selling alcohol to minors."

Recent data has revealved that hospitals

nationally treat some 8,000 drunken children each vear.

That figure is equivalent to 22 a day and is a rise of 40 per cent over the last six years.

BY TOM BETTS

Chris Wells, a Tory county councillor in Thanet, said: "This situation once again underlines the appalling state of this Government's

approach to licensing legislation.
"They posture and breast-beat about responsible drinking, about tackling underage drinking, about dealing with the chaos culture on our streets, yet their own legislation encourages magistrates to overturn sensible decisions taken to control these issues.

He added: "Once again, the magistrates have let us down, the Government's licensing framework has let us down, and it is local residents and householders who will pay the price of this folly.

"Next time these magistrates have to deal with the violence and disorder caused by under-age drinking, perhaps they will reflect on refusing to act responsibly themselves when given the chance to do something real to help, and not, like the Government, pontificate while all our lives are diminished."

Licence holder Gurdeep Kaur Nijar said:

"We made a mistake and will be much more vigilant about who we serve with alcohol in the future. I have been in court and now I have my licence back so can sell alcohol again.

NEWS IN BRIEF

yourthanet

Artists log on to web and raise their profile

A WEBSITE to promote the creative indus-

tries in Thanet has been set up.
IsleArts.co.uk has been created for the area's creative talent to showcase their abilities and work in an online directory.

Those featured will include people working in visual arts, writing, fashion, festivals, drama, craft, music, TV and radio.

Profile pages will include a CV biography and contact details along with four images of

their work and details of how to view it. The site, funded by Thanet council, can also

be used for publicity purposes and for the artists to communicate news to the public.

A subscription service will allow those who sign up to be updated with any new information that artists post by email.

The service will be launched in mid March

and there is no charge to be included.

Cllr Roger Latchford said: "This is all about raising the profile of the creative arts in Thanet as there's a great deal of excellent work going on that is helping to regenerate the area and we want to celebrate this."

Veterinary charity looks for vital cash

THE People's Dispensary for Sick Animals is sending fund-raisers out in Broadstairs.

The volunteers will call at people's homes in a bid to raise money for the veterinary charity.

All the cash raised will go to the PetAid service, which costs £3.5 million a year to run.

The organisation, which gives free treat-ment to for sick and injured animals belonging to people in need, is entirely reliant on donations to do its work.

More than 1.8 million treatments are carried out each year.

All the callers will wear tabards and carry

Pub landlord fined over missing smoking signs

A RAMSGATE publican has been hit with a fine for not displaying no-smoking signs.

The signs are required to be on display by law, but the Queen's Head pub in Harbour Parade had none on show.

The pub's designated premises supervisor Ben Garratt has been hit with the £200 fixed penalty notice after routine checks.

He has been handed the correct signs to

display to comply with the legislation. Cllr Jo Gideon said: "This is a strong reminder that anyone who is responsible for a business premises has a responsibility to ensure 'No smoking' signs are displayed.





The vivid blue hue, rustic garnish and rhyming name certainly get it noticed, but the Thanet Slam-it is a refreshing drop.
The cocktail may look a little outlandish, but

the taste is surprisingly sophisticated with a slightly raspy tang.

The drink is a taste of the new G Casino at Westwood Cross and has been invented to celebrate the launch of the new nightspot

Catering staff took Yourthanet through the recipe a few days before launch night to show readers how to make their own.







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yourthanet **NEWS** IN BRIEF

Listen in to green advice on Invicta

KENT's biggest commercial radio station Invicta FM is going green this month and KOS

Media is supporting it all the way.

This month, everyone at the station will be finding ways to make their lives greener, along with promoting environmental issues.

Presenters will inform listeners how to go green, as well as taking part in Earth Hour, on

the international energy-saving day.

The event will see thousands of people across the globe switching off their lights for an hour on Saturday, March 29, from 8pm.

The team is asking people to join in with them for Lights Out Kent to save energy.

So far, a number of famous county landmarks are switching off for Earth Hour, including Canterbury Cathedral, Kent University and Gillingham FC's Priestfield stadium.

Although it has not yet been confirmed, Invicta

Attendent it is not yet been commen, invited in FM is also hoping to get Dover Castle on board. Other Green Month projects include presenter Neil Kefford, from Thanet, ditching his car and using public transport to get to work.

In Shepway, the team plans to visit Dungeness

nuclear power station, which has reportedly been earmarked as one of 10 sites in a new generation of nuclear power stations.

Presenter James Heming and P&O Ferries

are also getting involved with their project Can We Make A Car Run On Chip Fat?

The presenter is aiming to drive a car powered by chip fat all the way to Paris.

Presenters, bosses and all those at Invicta FM are hoping that the whole of Kent will unite during Green Month and show their support for the initiative

If you're interested in signing up for Lights Out Kent, or to find out more about Green Month, visit www.invictafm.com/greenmonth.

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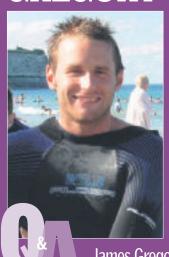
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QUESTION & ANSWER



Nho or what brings you to Thanet?

I've grown up in Thanet. I spent four years away at university (Brunel and Christ Church) but knew that Thanet has the potential to be a great place to work and live, so had absolutely no problem in moving back here.

Do you think the Sport 4 NRG programme is a worthwhile cause?

Absolutely. If I didn't believe in the value of Absolutely. If I didn't believe in the value of Sport 4 NRG, I wouldn't do it – nor would I put up with all the stick my friends give me for working evenings! Some say all we are doing is 'killing time' with the young people or babysitting' them, which is just not the case we are so much more valuable to them than that, without them realising. We give young people a safe, fun and enjoyable place to go.

We provide structure in the lives of Thanet's youngsters, which is something that so many of them need but which is often lacking. They also learn valuable social skills needed for life (how to interact with peers, how to interact with appropriate adults) - they learn manners

and empathy for others,
They also increase their self-esteem from positive experiences and attention from positive role models. They learn how to compete, how to win and lose with dignity. Something that most adults still struggle with!

To me, it's not a job but a vocation.

Without being too cheesy, it was something I feel I was always meant to do.

Do the youngsters you work with seem to have any avourite activities?

Football is still a favourite. Some frosty nights in December, when I thought I may have to cancel because it was so cold and I thought no one would turn up, I was still getting 25-30 lads. Ten-pin bowling is a big favourite. We run it on a Friday evening when everyone is all excited about the weekend, so it can get quite loud and lively, but to me that's not misbehaving - that is a sign that everyone is having fun.

During the summer months, we offer golf. It is a sport that unless a young person's dad is into it, they don't really get the chance to play. It's also a sport that is seen by many of the young people as 'posh'. We wanted to breakdown those boundaries, and Stonelees Golf Centre has helped us do that brilliantly. Another favourite is the ice-skating trips, which are always fully booked!

Have you always been a sportsman?

Yes. There was a time while I was at university when I nearly got tempted away by other distractions, but I soon found myself really missing all the benefits that sport, and being part of a team, brings to your life.

Where in Thanet do you spend most of your time?

In leisure centres or on sports from the floodlit arenas. In my free time, I enjoy the In leisure centres or on sports fields or gym, running along the beach, playing golf at Stonelees, or eating out.

Mhat do you like about the area?

I love being by the sea and the fact we're less than two hours to London. There are parts of Thanet you can get away to where it's peaceful and secluded, but also places that are always lively and busy

What can you do to help improve the fortunes of Thanet?

Keep young people occupied and off the Keep young people occupied and streets and involving them in decisions that will affect their futures. Empower the young people to choose better lives for themselves. They all have the choice.

Keep cutting youth crime. A recent study shows that out of a random sample of 250 young people referred to SPORT 4 NRG – by the police, Youth Offending Service, social services, Connexions – only 4.8 per cent have been in trouble with the police after attending, a reduction of 10 per cent since 2004.

Show the rest of Thanet that young people are there to be valued as individuals, not feared as a group. Only a tiny handful of Thanet's young people are out to cause prob-lems, yet they are all judged as yobs just because the media says they are and they might be wearing a hood. Young people wear the hood for comfort and security because they feel isolated from the rest of the community.

James Gregory is the isle's Sport 4 NRG supremo – he talks to reporter **TOM BETTS** about his work with young people, why they should be valued more, and what can be done to improve life in Thanet

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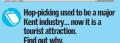
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A training session in Maidstone as part of the FA Skills Coaching Scheme for five- to 11-year-olds.



Action from the quad bike racing on Margate beach, which



Kent's own funnyman Joe Pasquale by look-a-like Nigel



Top-selling singer Katie Melua met the Darenth Rangers under-10s football team sponsored by her label.

EDITOR'S CHOICE

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Addicted to the run

Sports reporter **David Pritchard** spent Sunday preparing for an assault on the London Marathon next month with a 20-mile run up and down the hills of Thanet. He explains what drives him on and why, for a few hours, he'll be part of sport's elite.

"MY name is David Pritchard and I am a jogger." They say admitting you have a problem is the best way to conquering your addiction, so I guess that's the first hurdle cleared.

I am coming clean because since October I have given up several evenings a week, plus most of my weekends, to running. It is all in the name of preparation for one big day out in April when I will join around 45,000 others attempting to complete the London Marathon.

The question is, why do so many otherwise apparently sane people commit themselves to six months of painful, exhausting training, all so they can run for hours on end around the capital? Are we all mad?

The thought did cross my mind more than once on Sunday as I plodded my way round the Thanet 20-mile course with 500 others, most of whom were using it as a training race for London.

Granted it was a nice day to be outside, and the fact I had run 20 miles before some people had got out of bed did make me feel undeniably smug, but there must be better ways to see Ramsgate?

Nevertheless, as I write with limbs still aching from the exertions, I believe I have stumbled on the reason we put ourselves through all this agony.

Some good-hearted souls may do it to raise money for worthy causes, but I think for the majority – including myself – this is a positive byproduct rather than the main motivation.

Instead, my theory is we do it to live out our

sporting fantasies. That may sound a little odd, but

stay with me, I'm going somewhere with this. You see, while most sport-loving people grow up with dreams of scoring a cup final winner or Olympic gold, sadly for all but a chosen few, at some point we have to admit defeat and get back

However, running the marathon allows us to revive those hopes and transforms us into sporting stars for the day.

We get to run on the same course at the same time as some of the world's best athletes, cheered on by almost a million spectators, with everything beamed live across the world.

It's like having a kick-around at Wembley just after the FA Cup final, playing a round at St Andrews during golf's Open Championship, or driving your old banger around Silverstone during the British Grand Prix.

Sure we are never going to win and the only way we are likely to get on TV is if we are dressed as a deep sea diver or Marilyn Monroe (at this point I would like to make it clear I will be doing neither). but that's not the point.

In exchange for a few months' lonely slog around the streets we get to live the dream, and when you look at it like that we don't seem so mad after all.

At least that's my excuse for not kicking the habit and I'm sticking to it.

• David is attempting to raise £1,500 for Cardiac Risk in the Young by completing the London Marathon. If you would like to sponsor him you can go to www.justgiving.com/dav-



Pritchard is putting in the miles in preparation for the London Marathon in April, all for charity

NEWS IN BRIEF

'Phenomenal' response to Kent Big Day Out

THOUSANDS of free tickets to some of the county's top visitor attractions were nabbed within hours of being made available.

An incredible 11,000 of the 16,000 tickets available as part of the Kent Big Day Out event were downloaded within eight hours of the Visit Kent website going live. But the good news is there are still tick-

ets available for a range of destinations.
Fran Warrington, head of tourism at
Kent County Council, said: "The
response to our second Kent Big Day Out has been phenomenal.

"Steam train journeys and boat trips were among the first to be snapped up closely followed by many of our newer attractions such as Dickens World, Go Ape at Bedgebury and Leeds Castle, as well as our iconic destinations such as Dover Castle and Canterbury Cathedral."

For further information about all the attractions taking part in the Kent Big Day Out 2008 visit www.visitkent.co.uk or call in at a visitor information centre.

New competition looks for short comedy films

BUDDING film-makers still have time to enter a new competition looking for the short comedy films.

The 2 Days Laughter competition is being run by Margate-based Beeping Bush Productions and Canterbury firm Close-Up Film.

Organisers are looking for short films or sketches, stand-up or improvised routines of no more than five minutes in length.

Entrants may take time to develop their script, but the actual shoot and edit

must take place over just 48 hours.

The shortlisted films will be put before a panel of industry professionals, which includes one of UK's favourite and most prolific actresses, Ramsgate-born Brenda Blethyn.

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Tory health chief backing our campaign to wipe out infection

BY JENNA PUDELEK

SHADOW Health Secretary Andrew Lansley has backed KOS Media's campaign to promote hand hygiene in hospitals and health-

care centres across Kent.

The message is simple – WASH YOUR HANDS – and help the county's hard working doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals in their battle against superbugs.

The leading Tory came to Kent this week to view proposals for the new PFI hospital planned for Pembury near Tunbridge Wells.

Health bosses want it to be 100 per cent single rooms, which would tackle infection control problems and offer patient dignity.

He also visited Kent and Sussex Hospital in

Tunbridge Wells, which saw two killer outbreaks of the superbug Clostridium difficile.

Asked whether he would back KOS Media's campaign, he said: "Yes absolutely, I think the public need to be aware that control of infection is competition when a superburger was a large and the same that control of the c is something we can all play our part in." He said killer bugs could live in the commu-

nity and not cause problems, but when people are vulnerable and in hospital, care homes or even GP surgeries, germs can spread and patients are more sus-

can spread and patients are more sus-ceptible to infection.

"People have to start thinking about managing infection as part of our social responsibility. We all need to be aware of the need to use alcohol gel in hospitals and in the case of C diff the need to wash your hands with soap and water," Mr

Lansley said.

He added: "These airborne diseases can be minimised by people behaving well hygienically and making people increasingly aware of the need to protect others."

Deaths from the superbug C diff rose 72 per cent nationally between 2005 and 2006, figures from the Office for National Statistics revealed on Thursday.

In the South East there was an increase of 51 per cent with 292 people dying in 2005,



NEW PFI: Andrew Lansley, Greg Clark and Sir John Stanley being shown the model of the new hospital by hospital estates director Graham Goddard

CAMPAIGN

compared to 576 the following year.

The ONS found that the majority of deaths across the country were among elderly people.

Meanwhile, MRSA took only 34 more lives in 2006 than the previous year in South East – a pattern also reflected nationally.

The Department of Health said the increase was because of more complete reporting on death certificates and

said that infection rates had since dropped. Infection rates in trusts across Kent have

improved since 2006. NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority for Kent, Surrey and Sussex, said figures from the Health Protection Agency at the end of last year showed a continuing

decline of C diff infections since 2006.

It expects to wipe out cases of hospital acquired MRSA by 2011.





STYLE GURU: Celebrity stylist Gok Wan with

How to look good dressed

THREE lucky ladies found out how to look great this spring with the help of celebrity stylist Gok Wan.

The star of Channel 4's How To Look Good Naked paid a visit to Bluewater on Saturday, where he transformed the fully-clothed looks of the three competition winners

Hannah Chapman, 14, from Dartford, Emma Douglas, 36, from Nuneaton and Carole Gunning, 47, from West Carole Gunning, 47, from West Kingsdown, were treated to an expert makeover by Gok himself after winning a competition run by New Look.

Shapes

He showed them which colours and shapes suited them, before dressing them each in a fantastic new outfit from New Look's spring/summer collection.

Once hair and make-up stylist Yvette Redmond had added the finishing touches, Hannah, Emma and Carole left feeling like superstars.

Gok Wan will be filming How To Look Good Naked in the Guild Hall at Bluewater on Friday (Mar 7) and Friday,

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yourthanetblogger

Simon Moores, Tory councillor and author of the popular but beseiged Thanet Life weblog, shares some views



A clearer view of the council and how it struggles to work

A YEAR ago, I shared a very different view of Thanet. The local elections were three months away and, like many readers, I had a jaundiced regard for the way in which our own council appeared to work, fund and deliver its many different services.

Since being elected, however, my views have changed and I've discovered how few people know where the council's responsibilities begin and end and where these are quite separate from what we receive from Kent County Council and central government.

Almost a year later, there are times when I'm often not quite certain who is responsible for what, within the fathomless bureaucracy of government, but this is as good as it gets, it's the democracy we have to live and work with. Six hundred is apparently the average num-

ber of services provided by local government, ranging from waste collection to social housing.

Invariably, the public sector is the area's largest employer and many people, councillors tide of regulation that flows from Westminster.

It's the councillor's job to help people find their way around these rules and regulations, acting as the intermediary between local government officers and the population; trying to ensure everything works as it should.

But if you live in Thanet or anywhere else,

you may know from your own experience things don't always work in the way you might expect them to. In an area which suffers from high levels of deprivation and dependency, there's a strain on the service structure and some wellknown areas of Thanet place a disproportionate demand on the available community resources.

A month ago, the BBC was out and about, attempting to gauge public reaction to the news of impending council tax rises.

What struck me was not a single person 'on the street' interviewed by the Beeb understood that only a small proportion of our local services were actually paid for by local taxes.

If, like this year, government slashes its contribution to our well-being to a below-inflation figure of one per cent, then for every pound lost in funding, our council tax bill has to go up by £1.60 just to stand still. Not many people know that here in Thanet we collect some £24 million annually in commercial revenue (business rates etc). This goes

directly to Westminster and not to Thanet. So, while we share the same worries over rising prices and taxes, it may be best to think of any council as being like a household with less to go around each year. Like any family, it has priorities, which can include rubbish collection and a corporate plan which focuses on regener-

ation and efforts to expand the local economy.

If the latter grows, then the result is more jobs and more people paying taxes, a propor-tion of which are spent on paying for and improving services and so on.
But if, like Thanet, a high proportion of the

population are unemployed, retired or on sickness benefit, then, like any home with the same, there's little money available for all but essentials and, unlike Northern Rock, the Government isn't willing to plug the gaps here in Thanet.

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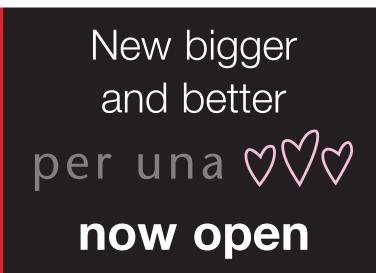
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WIN tickets to London Golf Show



IT'S one of the top dates on the golfing calendar, with enthusiasts flocking to the London Golf Show.

And you could be there too next month thanks to this newspaper.

We have teamed up with organisers of the event at the ExCeL in London to offer ten readers a pair of tickets each.

Ryder Cup hero David Howell was

Ryder Cup hero David Howell was among those at last year's London Golf Show and ExCeL London will once again open its doors to the golfing world, from April 25-27.

Howell was representing Cleveland Golf as one of the manufacturer's tour pros and the company will be returning along with fellow big brands Nike and Wilson.

All three will showcase their latest equipment on the purpose-built indoor driving range, while Cleveland and Wilson will also have their custom-fit trucks at the show, so golfers can enjoy the experience as tour professionals.

What's more, visitors stand to get even better value this year with a stunning offer on advanced tickets pricing them at two for just £15, while under-13s go free when accompanied by an adult.

And everyone coming to the show

can get free entry to A Place in the Sun Live, the world's largest overseas property exhibition, which is at ExCeL at the same time – that's two tickets to two shows for just £15.

With exhibitors showing everything from equipment and fashions to golfing gadgets and the hottest holiday destinations from around the world, the 2008 London Golf Show promises to be a great day out.

We have 10 pairs of tickets to the event to give away.

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TALK TIME

DAVID **FOLEY**

executive of Thanet & East Kent Chamber. director of Channel Chamber and a fellow of



Tell us the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce The Thanet & East Kent Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit-making organisation dedicated to serving the needs of its corporate members. We include support for economic regeneration in the area and encouragement to entrepreneurs of all sectors and sizes. Recently we hosted events on the London Array and the China Gateway, but we are also mindful of the small retailer and one-person start-up companies which are the lifeblood of our community. We campaign vigorously on issues such as an improved road network and rate relief for businesses.

Why did you get involved with it?

I used to be managing director of a company with around 100 staff. We exported to 51 countries. I was at pains to incorporate best international practice into every facet of our operations. As a result, I was occasionally asked to talk to businesses on marketing, customer care, credit management, business planning and so on. In 2003, I was invited on to the board of Channel Chamber and then, a few months ago, was asked to take over the reins at Thanet & East Kent Chamber

Is Thanet a good area in which to do business? If it isn't, it soon will be. Thanet is set to grow sharply. The London Array has £1bn to spend in the UK and Ramsgate is the favoured service port for its wind turbines. By the end of this year, Thanet Earth, just outside Birchington, will have finished the first phase of construction, leading to the eventual production of 15 per cent of the UK's tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers. In the first quarter of 2009, we are due to see the first Chinese companies moving into Manston. It may have taken Michelangelo less time to paint the Sistine Chapel than it has taken to approve the Turner Contemporary, but final planning permission has now been granted. The Ramsgate Sands project is another superb development on our doorstep.

YOUR LETTERS

Reality about our museums' future

"Thanet District Council and the East Kent Maritime Trust have agreed to work together to develop a future approach for the

Trust's museums on the isle."
So says the council's latest
press release. Brilliant!
However, reality is that Thanet

District Council's 2008-9 budget, which was approved by the Tories on Thursday, February 21, included cuts to grant funding which will affect the current funding given to EKMT on an annual basis.

Cllr Ezekiel, Tory leader, says: "We have not cut all funding and a transitional grant will be made available to the trust this year which should support the museums during this time.
"We are also committed to

working with the trust to develop a plan for longer-term sustainability so that they can continue to offer museum services in the future without the need for financial assistance from Thanet District Council."

Now that our Ramsgate campaign has caused the Tories to rethink their mindless rush to destroy the museum, priority must turn to the performance of the East Kent Maritime Trust.

Ramsgate's historical collection is too important to leave to the whim of a few Tory old boys whose oversight has led to the current crisis.

Note that there was no mention of the museum retaining the lease on the Clock House at Ramsgate Marina. When interviewed on Meridian TV, Cllr Ezekiel was seen to wave vaguely in the direction of Albion House and say that the buildings were of similar size and so could

yourcompetition

WIN tickets to The Vitality Show



RY EXTENDED

There's still time to enter the fabulous competition we ran last week to land one of 30 pairs of tickets and a goody bag for the Vitality Show with Muller at London's Olympia.

Europe's largest health, beauty and well-being show takes place between March 27-30.

And we are grateful to all of our readers who contacted us to point out that, due to a glitch in the system, the question posed to win the tickets was omitted from our copy. Everyone who has contacted us has been entered into the prize. But those who want to enter can still do so as the closing date is now Friday, March 14.

To be in with a chance of winning, answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard, along with your email address (if applicable), name, address and daytime telephone number to: Vitality Show Comp, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR. Q. In which UK city is the Vitality Show taking place?

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house the museum collection!

Total rubbish, of course, and would lose the context provided by the link between the royal

marina and the museum.

For many years the first priority of any museum trust was an overriding concern to protect the

objects in a collection from theft or loss, ensuring that they would survive for future generations.
The next considerations

included putting items on display, the conservation of items needing attention and researching the collection - so

that knowledge could be shared with others outside the museum.

Nobody would doubt the importance of these priorities. But now they should be seen in a wider framework, testing whether a museum is putting its collection to best use.

The collection is a means to an end - learning, exploration, enjoyment, research among them rather than an end in itself.

All the uses for a collection are important. Digitising objects and making them available online, publishing material, forming exhibitions or special handling collections, lending the works to other institutions – all are ways of sharing and using a collection in creative ways. Of course, they come with costs.

Such an approach implies taking a more holistic view about the present and future of the collection in relation to resources. Is the museum sustainable from an environmental point of view, and equally from a social or

economic perspective?

It is in this context that the structure and membership of the trust needs refreshing. This can only be done by the trust itself, starting immediately with the calling of an AGM.

This is certainly a case of use it or lose it. It is a call for making the best use of collections over the long term and allowing notions of public value and public trust to be a positive guide to making change

Cllr David Green (Labour)

Getting in the market for support

We feel we must send a public message of congratulations to June and Keith Chadband and Cliftonville Residents Association for winning the Best Farmers Market in Kent for the second year running.

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We also take this opportunity to call on Thanet district and Kent county councils to get behind Cliftonville Residents Association and complete the refurbishment of the Oval Arena, around which the seafront market is situated.

Cliftonville Residents Association provides local people and visitors to our ward with weekly summer concerts at the bandstand, along with the now-famous monthly farmers markets.

The association has proved beyond doubt that it deserves full support with its long-term project to refurbish our historic Oval Arena around the new bandstand that it also had successfully rebuilt several years ago.

Clirs Linda Aldred, Doug Clark and Clive Hart

Uncaring developers will ruin our village

Having lived in Pegwell for most of my life and seen many developments spring up over the years, I am appalled and sickened by the desecration of this beautiful village by the proposed gross overdevelopment in the Downs Road and Pegwell Road area.

Twenty-six properties some three storeys high, crammed into a site created by the demolition of six three- to four-bedroom homes plus gardens, with an access road into a very narrow Downs Road.

With miniscule back gardens – no front gardens as these are car parks – it is yet another sea of concrete and unsympathetic housing for this rural area.

For this, some 20-30 mature trees will be felled – only three are to have preservation orders and not one tree is to be replaced.

A huge loss to the exceptional and rare wildlife and destruction of residents' views across a landscape which has been important over the years for people moving to the area.

The most disturbing facts of this proposed development are the methods used by the developers to obtain these properties.

I attended a residents meeting and saw a copy of a letter circulated to the rest of the properties surrounding the proposed development, and this letter was proved to be misleading.

A well-respected member of the local community wrote and warned the developers of the nature of this letter

So the particular comments quoted recently in Yourthanet stating sour grapes by the rest of the community was arrogant and inappropriate, especially as the correspondent failed to mention that seven more properties had fallen into developer Lilybrook's hands after receiving the letter.

This, of course, is just on paper as the extra money is only to be paid if planning permission is given. That was five months ago.

However, on close inspection of the new plans, now minus the flats, these seven extra properties did not show up.

The reason being that once planning permission has been given either the whole site could be sold on to another developer, or reportedly one of Lilybrook's favourite pastimes – the boarding up of empty properties which could be for the legal six years – it's called land-banking.

Anyone thinking that this is pure speculation, look in the front garden

of 171 Pegwell Road, the only property the developer has bought outright. There are 8x4 boards ready and waiting. This will sound the death knell of this historical and beautiful village

This will sound the death knell of this historical and beautiful village with its tranquility and low crime rate and a strong community who are unanimous this development is completely unacceptable.

completely unacceptable.

But the horror story goes on as a few brave residents who do not wish to sell will be left trapped and isolated by these empty properties – the community is behind them every inch of the way.

There are two words that spring to mind in this saga – bullying and intimidation.

Not once has Lilybrook
Developments approached this
community to see how it feels
because as someone said at the
residents meeting it's a huge game
to the developers.

They deal in human misery, destruction of neighbourhoods purely for greed and the desire to always get their own way. Nothing to do with local plans or Government directives – these are twisted to suit.

directives – these are twisted to suit.
This email is from a group of senior citizens with the help of research from my son, who feels this community, like others across
Thenet is being descrated.

Thanet, is being desecrated.

Life savings being put into homes by so many people only to find developers move in and spoil what pleasure they have, and then they have to fight to try to save it.

So, Thanet District Council, is this how you want your honest hardworking council taxpayers to be treated? We all have two options: vote at the next council elections, or fight to the bitter end!

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BREAK TIME

College clicks on to kids' online safety

HARTSDOWN Technology College is stepping up its efforts to make the internet a safer place for its students.

The secondary school has trained

1,066 pupils to be safer online and is now offering the lessons to staff, parents and governors from nearby primary schools. Three have already taken up the offer.

The school's assistant principal, Anette McKnight, said: "We started off training 15 members of staff on the Think U Know programme and they were so impressed that all staff were trained. This knowledge has been passed down to more than 1,000 students and we're now assisting three primary schools through open evenings for parents, governors and staff.

"The training has empowered everyone to be safer online and given them know-

Teacher heads into new role at schools

THE head-teacher of Ramsgate's Hereson School is expanding his role.

Tony Hamson will now take over as acting head of the Ellington School For

acting nead of the Enlington School For Girls in the town after head Colette Singleton moved on for personal reasons. Mr Hamson, formely a deputy head for more than six years at Ellington before moving on to a head-teacher role at Hereson, said: "I have a deep affection for heat-action living individual history. for both schools, their individual histories, future places in education in Thanet, and I admire the genuine commitment they dedicate to the pupils in their care."

The council has proposed merging the two schools in 2009 – a proposal the new

head supports.
Mr Hamson said: "My decision to accept the new role simply has the aim to provide both schools with a consistent continuity of single-sex education until the future is decided."



21ST CENTURY: This is an artist's impression of what the multi-million-pound transformation of St George's C of E Foundation School should look like in 2010

Learning looks to the future at St George's

ST GEORGE'S Church of England Foundation School is to have a multimillion-pound transformation.

Families of students at the school and other people who live nearby were invited along to the evening to find out about the plans last

An open exhibition was held at the school, where detailed plans of the timescale and proposals were on show.

posais were on snow.

The school is intent on bolstering its IT facilities and plans a 90 per cent rebuild to host the latest technology.

School head-teacher Keith Rumblo said: "We're very excited about the future. It will be a late teach true headling for 21st contrave day.

a 21st-century building for 21st-century education.

"There will be ICT access throughout the new building and we are aiming for a one-toone provision for students, or perhaps even

BY TOM BETTS

more advanced than that." He added: "The school at the moment is very spread out in six or seven different buildings, but this should bring us all one under one roof so movement

will take place within the building."
The Broadstairs school's plans are part of
the Building Schools For The Future programme and work is expected to commence in summer 2008 and be completed in 2010.

The school is also having a new sports hall

built to meet Sport England standards as the present one does not conform to the size required, Mr Rumblo said.

The county council's cabinet member for education operations, resources and skills, Mark Dance, said: "The Building Schools For The Future programme marks the start of a new era for education in the county.

"Students at Saint George's and the surrounding community will benefit from vibrant new facilities and I am pleased people came along to find out all about the plans and ask questions.

Graham Badman, managing director for children, families and education, said: "The combination of legislation that creates multiagency services to support children and families, together with a massive injection of capi-tal through the BSF programme, has the capacity to change the shape and outcomes of education in a way unimaginable even 10

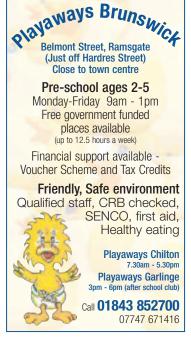
years ago."

Mr Badman added: "I'm delighted by the olans for Saint George's C of E Foundation School, but this is much more than a building

"It predicates new modes of learning and a curriculum that will prepare pupils for life in









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Acoustic performance awaits you on the ether

BY GARETH ARNOLD

WITH heartfelt lyrics and intricate guitar work, do-it-yourself singersongwriter Jon Woode has created quite a stir from his garden shed.

Loosely described as folk. Woode's varied style has invited comparisons with Nick Drake, receiving rave reviews for his latest album Into The Wildness.

The Ether – our broadband TV channel www.yourkenttv.co.uk's new showcase for the

www.yourkenttv.co.uk's new showcase for the county's musical talent – this week features two songs performed by the acoustic artist.

He said: "I found it hard trying to pigeonhole myself into a few genres when I will probably not stick to them. I write in whatever style or genre I have running through me at that particular moment."

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"I don't like the idea of being restricted in creativity, I don't set out to write a song in a certain style, I just write it as it comes. I love the old-fashioned sounds, songs and record-ings and also love to hear the new. I am not a lover of highly produced music and only wish to record the true music that I create."

Despite using a bespoke Atkin guitar, hand-built by Canterbury luthier Alistair Atkin,

built by Canterbury luther Alistair Atkin, Woode makes a point of using simple recording techniques to maintain a raw edge.

He said: "I am not really into the overproduced sounds that flood our air waves. My first album was just a diary of songs, first takes recorded by me on a Tascam Pocket Studio 5 using only the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. I have been also so that the built-in mic. moved on since then, but not far. I now have a Tascam eight-track and a nice Rode K2 mic.

"Although the equipment is a lot better than it was, it is still very basic and the studio I've built in my garden has no sound-proofing and



VARIETY: Jon Woode writes music in the style running through him at that moment

is shared with my wife's easel and paintings. "Hopefully this will all go towards capturing a sound that is a realistic version of what I do and will be an album I'm happy to put out."

Woode performs live at various festivals and acoustic nights around the county, with not-able appearances at Lounge On The Farm near Canterbury, and the city's muso-haven Orange Street Music Club. As well as formal gigs, he also enjoys the odd appearance at

open mic nights, including the renowned sessions at The Barge in Gillingham.

His love of folk music stemmed from five years spent in north Cornwall, where he lived and performed prior to moving to Kent.

Woode is currently working on his new album, Fields Of The Senses, which is expected in the summer.

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into the of Eva

Former pop star brings the extraordinary story of American singer to life on stage

THE magical talent of tragic star Eva Cassidy is the subject of acclaimed musical Over The Rainbow.

Starring Faye Tozer, formerly of chart-topping pop group Steps, it explores the extraordinary story of the American singer who became a huge star only after her early death. The play features 27 of Cassidy's best-loved songs, including her signature tune about hope and life in a mystical land.

Born in February 1963, Cassidy was surrounded by music from the very start. Her father Hugh was a big fan of artists like Pete Seeger, Buffy St Marie and Ray Charles, infusing his daughter with a love of music and singing. He taught her to play the guitar and she was soon able to accompany herself and her three sib-

lings, Anette, Margret and Dan.
As a teenager she sang with local bands in the Washington area and spent a summer playing guitar at a theme park. While pursuing her love of music, she also

became an accomplished artist and created paintings, sculptures and jew-ellery.

In 1986 she met Chris Biondo, who would help her find work as a session singer, becoming both her mentor and her boyfriend.

Her first commercial recording was made with Chuck Brown, who met her through Biondo. Originally he wanted her to record one duet for inclusion on his next album, but the pair ended up

OVER THE RAINBOW Friday, March 14, and Saturday, March 15 Granville Theatre, Ramsgate

releasing an entire album of duets. Over the next few years Cassidy became a popular performer in Washington, winning a number of awards for her fantastic interpretations of popular songs.

She eventually released a live album, recorded at the city's Blues Alley, but remained virtually unknown outside her home town.

In July 1996 she noticed an ache in her and diagnosed with

melanoma. Despite having treatment, she died at the family home on

November 2 at the age of 33.

Six months later, a compilation of her recordings was released as the CD Songbird. It remained in relative obscurity for two years until Terry Wogan played two of her tracks on his BBC Radio 2 show following a recommendation from his producer.

The reaction to Cassidy's versions of Somewhere Over The Rainbow and Fields Of Gold was immediate, with a camcorder video of her singing live at Blues Alley being shown on the BBC show Top of the Pops 2

Songbird climbed to the top of the UK album charts and since then her posthumously-released recordings have sold some six million copies.

This poignant and moving musical has been a hit all over the UK and Ireland, as well as winning Best Production Of The Year in Holland. Led by Tozer, the talented cast of West End performers celebrates the life and work of an unfor-

gettable artist.

To book tickets, phone the box office on 01843 591750. For more details, visit the website at www. granvilletheatre.com.

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LAUREL AND HARDY

Saturday, March 15 Theatre Royal Margate



THE intriguing relationship between one of comedy's greatest duos is explored in Chalkfoot's latest produc-

Laurel and Hardy explores both the on- and off-screen roles of the legendary pair in a fascinating production, casting light on the realities of their relationship.
In Tom McGrath's play,

Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy are stuck in a limbolike waiting room between this life and the next. Together they retrace their extraordinary career, reliv-ing the highs and lows, swapping gags and performing favourite routines.

The enormously popular comics appeared in more than 100 films together, from



the early silent 'shorts' of 1928 to their last feature in

Their onscreen personas have been ingrained in popular culture for many decades – pompous and confident Ollie, with his tearful sidekick Stan. But in real life their roles were often revers-

ed, something which should make the story of their careers an enthralling subject.

The performance will start t 7.30pm. Tickets cost £9/£7, with a special price of £6 for Friends of the Theatre Royal. Phone the box office on 01227 787787 or 0845

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Monday, September 22, to Saturday, September 27 Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

BOOK your tickets now to avoid missing out on the global phenomenon that is High School Musical.

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The original Dis

The original Disney Channel movie has exploded to become an inter-national sensation, attracting fans of all ages.
The contemporary musi-

cal comedy follows the fortunes of two very different high school students whose shared love of

singing conflicts with their stereotyped roles. Popular basketball star Trov and shy. academic newcomer Gabriella find they have something in common when they both

audition for the school musical. But their actions threaten the school's rigid social order, so their peers decide to separate the couple and keep

them off-stage. But the determined pair follow their dreams and inspire friends to reveal some hidden talents of their own.

Tickets are priced from £17 to £34.50 and are proving popular. Phone the box office on 01227 787787 or book online at www. marlowetheatre.com.

CAUGHT BY THE TAIL

Saturday and Sunday, March 8-9

Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs

SUCCESSFUL cabaret singer Lucette is not the sort to let her man get away easily, as her lover Fernand is about to find out.

Caught By The Tail, a farce by Georges Feydeau, introduces the Parisian performer who has a great career and the man of her dreams. But things change when Lucette discovers that Fernand dreams of marrying someone else. Threatened by a younger, prettier, richer rival, Lucette is determined not to let her man get away without a struggle.

Add to the mix a South American general with the hots for Lucette and a gun ready for any rival, and Fernand is in a pickle.

He is about to experience the worst 24 hours of his life, losing his dignity, his bride and his trousers. Presented by Michael Friend, the production features an array of talent.

Performances start at 7.30pm on Saturday and 2.30pm on Sunday. Tickets cost £10 for Sarah Thorne Theatre Club members and £12 for non-members, who must buy tickets at least 24 hours before the performance. Phone the box office on 0845 262 6263



THANET LETSURE

Male voice choir will be singing for charity

THANET Male Voice Choir will be giving a fund-raising concert in Minster on Friday, March 14.

The concert has been arranged by the

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital League of Friends to help buy equipment for the newly refurbished rehabilitation gym. Guests will be wel-comed to Minster village hall with a glass of wine and canapés at 7pm, for a 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £6. To book, phone 01843 234507 and leave a message.

Imaginati a night of mystery at the theatre

HILARIOUS characters, burlesque HILARIOUS characters, burlesque dances and an intense mystery can be enjoyed when The Matriarch is performed at Westgate Pavilion Theatre. Imaginati Theatre Productions presents a story set in a house of ill repute, featuring six crazed ladies of the night, an intention in medical transfer in the state of the production in the state of the

investigative journalist, a deaf maid and an immortal seeking the next Matriarch.

The show will be staged at 7.30pm daily from tomorrow (Thursday) to Saturday. Tickets cost £7. To book, phone 01843 853611, or visit www.frolickers.co.uk.

We're all going to the circus in Ramsgate

THE 30th anniversary tour of John Lawson's Circus, voted the best small circus in Britain last year, arrives in Ramsgate today (Wednesday). It will be setting up on the Circus Field next to Tesco in Manston Road, with performances from today to Sunday and from Wednesday.

Wednesday to Sunday, March 12-16. Shows start at 4.30pm and 7.30pm on weekdays, 2pm and 5pm on Saturdays and 2pm on Sundays. Tickets cost £6. Phone 07855 421894.

Band will make a right Clacket at the Britannia

CLACKET LANE will be playing their own brand of indie/rock music in Margate on Saturday night.

Described as a cross between early Squeeze and the Stereophonics, the band have created their own sound within the indie style. The band will be performing at the Britannia Inn in Fort Hill and the gir starts at 8 pm.

and the gig starts at 8pm.

Admission is free. Find out more at www.clacketlane.co.uk.

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Saturday 29 March

Sheldons Freehouse High Street, Margate Tel: 01843 223578

Excellent home-cooked traditional lunches served Monday to Saturday 12pm-2.30pm with five daily specials.

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Traditional home-made food served Tuesday to Sunday 12pm-2pm and Wednesday and Saturday evenings 7pm-9pm.
Three course Sunday lunch plus glass of wine £10.95 per person.

The Kings Head Bistro re-opens Monday 15 October.

The Elephant & Castle

Ramsgate Tel: 01843 593046

Newly installed smoking shelter. A warm and welcoming pub, with its own quiz, pool and darts teams, showing all the live sporting action. Karaoke and discos every Friday and Saturday.

Saturday 8 March Ladies Night - 2 Strippers and a Drag Queen

Saturday 16 March Bullseye Darts Charity Competition all day

PUBS

The Lanthorne 20 Callis Court Road Broadstairs Tel: 01843 861952

All sport shown on 3 High Definition screens. Sky Setanta + Premium Plus

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Nice dry and warm smoking area.

The Bradstow Mill 125 High Street Broadstairs Tel: 01843 861108

One of the oldest pubs in Broadstairs. Live music every Thursday and Saturday. Resident Karaoke every Friday.

Thursday 6 March Taste This

Saturday 8 March Face to Face

Sunday 9 March Chris from Mental Floss

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Friday 7 March Phat B'stards

Saturday 8 March Situation Vacant

Thursday 13 March Macs Diner

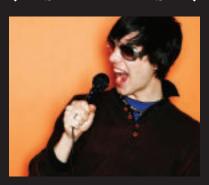
Traditional pub food served 11.30am-3pm Monday to Saturday. All major sporting events shown on big screen and plasma TVs.



STYLE



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The Royal 51 Harbour Parade Ramsgate Tel: 01843 599599

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Ladies night - free bar for ladies 10pm-11pm.
All drinks £2 all night.

Saturday All drinks – buy one get one free 9pm-11pm.

80s night. All drinks 80p for 80 minutes 9.10pm-10.30pm. All drinks 80p off after 10.30pm.

Monday night £1.50 bar for students and staff of Thorley Taverns.

The South Eastern 11 Margate Rd, Ramsgate Tel: 01843 593880

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The St Lawrence Tavern

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Escape

49/51 Marine Terrace Margate Tel: 01843 232025

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10pm-11pm All Drinks £1 11pm-2am All Drinks £1.50

Karaoke every Thursday 9pm-11pm

FAB Fridays

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Sunday. Drop by the chain's shops in
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Road in Birchington, Newington Road in Ramsgate and Grange Road in Ramsgate to check out the ethical offers.

The mac is back at a bargain at Matalan

A STYLISH black mac by Taylor and Wright is selling for just £15 at discount kings Matalan.

The basic mac, a handy overcoat for men's suits, is a wardrobe classic and a

valuable addition to any collection.

The label's easy-iron shirts are also in store for £6. Retro-printed T-shirts are selling at a two for £10, or from £6 each.

Your nearest Matalan store is in Westwood Road on the Westwood retail park

Get a cosy new look at great prices in store

NEW LOOK has wound down the price of its knits.

Argyle-patterned tank-tops in red and blue are selling for £8 and Argyle scoop neck jumpers in pink and grey are £12.

Other highlights of the price crash are a drop-front cardigan in black for £10, a crop-buckle cardigan in grey for £10 and an animal-print tank-top for £10.

Cashmillion two-pocket slouch jumpers are £5. Check out the bargains at New Look at Westwood Cross.

Slipper into something comfortable at Asda

ASDA is offering 20 per cent off four

ASIDA is thering 20 per cent on four pairs of women's slippers.

Under the George range, strawberry and spotty ballerina slippers, plus spotty cupsoles and suede moccasins are selling from £4. Children's footwear with designs featuring cartoon characters such as Dora The Explorer, Scooby Doo, Ariel from the Little Mermaid and Thomas The Tank Engine are selling from £5.

Men's slippers start at the £5 mark. Pop into Asda at Westwood Road, Broadstairs, to warm your feet for the remainder of the cold season.

You can play a new game thanks to Gamestation

GAMESTATION has great deals on new PSP games for all the computer whizzkids out there.

Great savings can be made with its three-for-the-price-of-two offer and star buys can be found at a reduced cost of £29.99, down from £49.99.

Specialising in pre-owned computer games, the store offers shoppers two for £20, or four for £20 on selected stock.

The Margate and Ramsgate sites say they will better any price from other computer game stores









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yourthanettimeout

YOUR TV REVIEW

BY TOM BETTS

LIFE IN COLD BLOOD BBC1, 9pm, Monday THE PALACE ITV1, 9pm, Monday

THERE are some things in life that really can make your jaw hit the floor. Images of deep space taken from

Images of deep space taken from the Hubble Space Telescope and, more amazingly, my pal Pete who last week managed to form a coherent sentence after necking more than 10 pints of Stella Artois.

But when you've seen a snake swallow an antelope whole, tearing its skin apart in the process, these things tend to pale into insignificance. I refer to David Attenborough's

I refer to David Attenborough's triumphant return (isn't it always?) with the brilliant Life in Cold Blood.

Last Monday, we encountered the snake in its many forms as the show managed the impossible, to make us feel sympathetic for one of the world's most reviled animals.

Educational, visually stunning and, surprisingly for a programme about reptiles occasionally touching

reptiles, occasionally touching.
At 81, and with more enthusiasm for his subject would befit a man half his age, Attenborough is still the consummate presenter. A whispering voice of amazement and authority.

Yet, despite all the accolades, never does he encroach on the true stars of the show, the animals themselves, and even the crew get a look-in with a 10-minute slot that shows how they set about capturing such fine footage.

Making the blood run cold, but in an entirely different manner, is ITV1's The Palace.

Just rattling the old thumb along the remote at 9pm is a truly chilling experience. For here is a show that



STILL THE BOSS: Sir David Attenborough

makes you actually glad that the commercial break exists.

This right royal rubbish must be manna from heaven for the BBC as Attenborough and co have been trumping the ITV effort by more than two million viewers on Mondays.

The first episode held a certain

The King had died unexpectedly and the next in line to the throne was to grudgingly step forward to do his duty.

For a moment it was all quite exciting, well, until we found out the heir to the throne was little more than a sulking, catalogue model with a fine line of neatly pressed shirts and sticky-out pocket handkerchiefs.

Yes, it was a bit of a let-down, from which this jumped up Dallas-lite nonsense never really recovered.

Still, I suppose it could be worse: the next night Hotel Babylon was on.

Answers to all of this week's **timeout** quizzes can be found on our website

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-feb 19)
YOU'RE ready to fight for your rights. Someone who has repeatedly tried to undermine you is in for a big surprise. A loud confrontation will expose them for the bully they really are. A friend may betray you this week. Perhaps they're uncomfortable with what you're doing.

 To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Annahius 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr ZI-May ZI)

TT'S time to spread the word about your accomplishments, even though you're a pretty humble person. If you don't show off your talents, you could be passed over for the perfect job. You've been blessed with incredible talent, but you've also got to sell yourself to the public.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Taurus 09067-531753

WORKING independently boosts your self-esteem. You're starting to realise just how resourceful you really are. It may be best to keep your opinions to yourself between now and early May or you could unintentionally offend someone you need

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Leo 09067-531756

SCORPIO (0ct 24-Nov 22)
YOU know what you
want and you're going to
go for it big time. Developing a creative project is another possibility.
You're bound to hit some snags
along the way, but the final result
will be breathtaking. Don't let people put you off, they don't know
how determined you can be.

 To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Scorpio 09067-531759 CONFRONTING a boss or expert will be a scary prospect, but an exhilarating one too. It's hard to argue with someone with your moral authority. You're embarking on an exciting new period, and need an updated image. Friends may be startled by this change.

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THE next two months bring a rare opportunity to increase your income. You cut through obstacles like a hot knife through butter. Don't let a powerful sexual attraction distract you from your goals. You need to focus on your dreams. A fresh career opportunity is coming your way.

• To find out more about what the stars have in

WORKING with a group will be much more rewarding than going solo. Granted, you're among the most capable members of the team. That doesn't mean you can't benefit from the experience, though. A romance could be on the horizon so follow your instincts.

 To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Virgo 09067-531757

A CHANCE to air family issues comes your way. It feels wonderful to get these feelings off your chest. You've never been the type to keep a polite silence. Be prepared for things to get ugly. Fortunately, you know it's better to be straightforward than maintain a pleasant façade.

 To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Sagittarius 09067-531760 ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
THIS week finds you dividing time between home and work. If you've been thinking of moving, start looking now. Don't expect your boss to be happy about your request for time off to attend family responsibilities. Hold your ground, bigger and better chances will come.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aries 09067-531752

YOUR need to succeed drives everything you do this week. Unfortunately, this quest could drive a wedge between you and a loved one. Don't be so quick to cancel plans to make room for a business meeting. The chance to take a glamorous vacation could be on the cards.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Cancer 09067-531755

IIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23)
IT may be necessary to put in extra hours at work. You hate to burn the candle at both ends, but there's no other way around this situation. A normally understanding loved one won't like it either. You'll have plenty of opportunities to be together once this busy period ends.

• To find out more about what the stars have in

 To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Libra 09067-531758

YOUR words hold extra gravitas and importance over the coming weeks. Standing up for others and empowering people to make their own decisions is the best use of your time. Your passion will turn the tide in your favour. Sometimes raw emotion can be most effective.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Capricorn 09067-531761

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

1 Order order stop at temporary military headquarters (74) 9 Good man, getting on, presented the play (6)

10 Dam loyal (7)

12 Idle Bob somehow sought to influence officials (7)

14 I sing up and be heard when it is freezing (5,2)

15 Drunk producing revelry (11)

16 River Ebro eventually contained eggs (3)

17 World wide trap? (3)

19 Retraced one's steps returning over trail completed (11)

22 Rose, one walking in the country (7)

23 Firm is accepting meat or leather (7)

24 Short stockings on lady giving shout of praise (7)

25 Cape found in group on chorus line (6) **26** Preserving built-up area in London? (7,4)

2 Just over four weeks, love, to be in credit (7) 3 Enlarge gown with middle removed provided during the month (7)

4 Incline to agree (3)

5 Being this, one is not very hopeful (11)

6 Has remarkable whistling sound whilst moulding (7)

7 Orange variety of ass! (6)

8 Crooked tender lady! (11)

11 By law mother could be culpable (11)

13 Being this one has no grave doubts presumably (4,7)

18 Provide inspiration for puzzle (6)

19 Be with one lady or another (7)

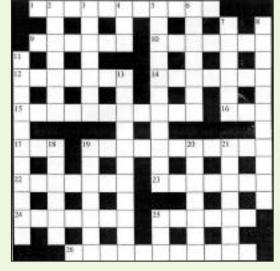
20 Opposed to Turkish commander this month (7)

21 Which person who has been informed has technical expertise? (4-3)

25 Bird enclosure (3)

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ACROSS

1 Moving forward (11)

9 Nude dash (6)

10 Optician (7)

12 Open gallery (7)

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5 Swedish-style buffet (11)

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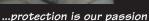


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MARGOT AT THE WEDDING (15)



Margot Zeller is a bright, razor-tongued short story-writer who creates chaos wherever she goes. She makes a surprise journey to the wedding of her free-spirited sister Pauline, but from the moment she meets Pauline's fiancé, Margot starts to plant seeds of doubt about the union.

UNTRACEABLE (18)



Within the FBI there's a division dedicated to investigate ing and prosecuting criminals on the internet. There, Special Agent Jennifer Marsh has seen it all... until now. A section and the state of the st

SEMI-PRO (15)



This outrageous comedy is set in 1976 against the backdrop of the maverick ABA – a fast-paced, wild and crazy baske ball league that rivalled the NBA. Will Ferrell plays Jackie Moon, a one-hit wonder who used the profits from his charttopping song to achieve his dream of owning a basketball team. But Moon's franchise is in danger of folding when the ABA announces plans to merge with the NBA. If they want to survive, they must do the seemingly impossible – win.

Uma finds her romantic side

BY KATE HODAL

FOR most women, finding and settling down with your one true love can be a soul-searching, life-long activity that you only hope ends in success.

But for Uma Thurman in her latest movie role, finding a husband is a bit like catching a bus: you spend forever waiting for the right one to show up, and then two arrive at once.

The Accidental Husband, Uma's latest foray into the world of rom-com, sees the 6ft beauty playing Dr Emma Lloyd, a pragmatic but uptight radio relationship expert and talk-show host who's engaged to the affable and ever-so-English Michael (Colin Firth) when betrothed to some guy named Patrick.

While the so-called 'love doctor' might spend her days dispensing advice to the lonely and

bewildered women of New York, when it comes to knowing what real love is, she does not have a clue.

After carelessly advising one caller to ditch

her hubby-to-be, Emma finds herself the victim of a spurned and hot-headed fireman (played by Grey's Anatomy star Jeffrey Dean Morgan), who decides the only way to cure his broken heart is to hack into city records and

make Emma already married – to him.

"Emma is at the height of her career and she's about to be married to a great guy," explains Uma, looking gorgeous in a black suit and plunging gold top for the London premiere of the film (which she rode to in a London fire engine).

"She thinks she has it all and then this 'accidental husband' comes in and wrecks everything. I just love the vulnerability of someone who thinks she knows everything and then gets taught the lesson of her life. And I could

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completely relate to her; super successful, sure of herself in practically every way, and clueless at the same time.

Uma spent the last 10 years developing this film, which she also produced, after finding that all the roles she was being offered were a bit ditzy (think The Truth About Cats and Dogs), a bit serious (remember Dangerous Liaisons?), or a bit too active (try Kill Bill).

"I loved everything about this script, from the title, to the set-up of the plot, to the dia-logue. I saw it as the perfect way to express my sense of humour and I thought: I can do this – I'll just cast myself"

Uma's own love life has been in and out of the newspapers after her six-year marriage to her Gattaca co-star Ethan Hawke, with whom she has two children - Maya Ray, 9, and Levon



Roan, 6, ended in 2004. Since then she's been linked to New York hotelier Andre Balazs and is now rumoured to be engaged to Elle Macpherson's former partner, French financier Arpad Busson.

While she may have felt some affinity with the romantic but confused 'love doctor', Uma downplays the importance of advice and finds it

more important to make decisions for yourself. "I don't think anyone takes advice," she says, sporting a mysterious blue-stoned ring on her wedding finger. "Everyone just needs to talk about their issues. They don't actually ever want to take advice, but it's a great launching point for gossip."



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I'm Jackie, 43, 5ft1, blue eyes brown hair, single mum, love going out, reading, cycling, music, enjoy male company and seeking 27-45yr old, for companionship. Box 436076

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Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male.

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Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubby, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box

Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTM a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box

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Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTM nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829
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possibly LTR. Box 432992 ©
LOVE CANNOT BE BOUGHT

Happy, fit, youthful 48yr old single mum, OHAC, very good sense of humour. Likes all the normal social things. Very honest. Seeking sincere, stable, solvent man. Box 895929

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48yr old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, would like to share some good times & fun. Box 901027 @ @
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uine, menoly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441 © SHE'S THE ONE! Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests

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hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate. I enjoy walks, socialising. Box 437251 ♥
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ing out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more Box 454901 ◆
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KEEEEP DANCIN!
Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising cuddling! Margate. Box 432246

HAYE A GIGGLE WITH ME 65yr old young-at-heart widow, 5ft5, 65yr old young-at-heart widow, 5ft5, slim, GSOH, enjoys golf, theatre, music, reading and more, WLTM kind, honest male for friendship, possibly more. Box

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Caring, loyal, young-al-heart lady, 65, 5ft, blonde, looking for someone nice, friendly, who likes ealing out, restaurants, holidays, for company. Box 899242

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Attractive, feminine female, 37, petite, professional, thoughtful, witty, enjoys socialising, travel, dancing, seeks similar, genuine female, for friendship/relationship. Rochester Box 411186 passionate scorpio



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

RESTORE MY LOVE
Hi, I'm 27, 5ft8, brown hair, blue eyes,
GSOH, love going out, cinema, watch
ing shows, like to restore classic cars,
seeking similar female for love. Box

seeking similar fema 437615 **①** COMPLETE ME Attractive male, 28, blue eyes/dark hair, seeks loving, genuine female, 18-45, for friendship/romance. Box 363468 **©**START AGAIN!

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Been out the game a while, now looking to pass go! Fun-loving, easygoing and adaptable guy, 31, honest and caring, bit of a romantic! Box 995527 @ THE WEIGHT OF ROMANCE

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MERE I AM I'm Stuart, 36, 6ft6, short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton

stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a fun-loving, nice lady for loyalty and love. Box 437106 **0** BRING ME SUNSHINE
Friendly male, 36 years old, 6it2, dark hair, likes running. Divorced dad of 2, seeking someone special Box 434712 **0**

36yr old adventurous male, 5ft10, athletic, loves sports, cycling, tri-a seeking similar active female with GSOH for socialising, drinks, films meals and more. Box 437499 **①**THIS IS ME

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Funny male, 35, blue eyes/blond, medium build, likes football, meals out, country walks. Box 388035
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Yet another single man, 37, looking for the right kind of female to be my counterpart! Give us a call and we'll see. Box 896232 ♥ ♥
FIRST-TIMER, BE GENTLE!

countryside, travel, children, animals, pubs, WLTM female, 25-35, slim-medi-

REAL MAN
36yr old honest, kind, caring male,
blond, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights
in/out, enjoy family life, WLTM like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440
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Jason, 38, 5ft8, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cycling, seeks genuine female for friendship, good times. Box 433326 •

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38yr old male with brown hair, big smile, big heart, and big personality seeks caring and affectionate lady for love in all weather! Box 434270

MOVING ON

I'm 38, 5ft8, medium/stocky, 2 children, love bike rides, swimming, walks, pubs, seeking female for fun, friendship, and to start new life with! Box 436381

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Down to earth - - - -

R U 4 ME?

Down to earth and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

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Interests: music, cinema, cosy nights in, looking for a woman to have fun with. I'm divorced, 39yrs old, and hoping for companionship. Box 436878
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Lots of love to give, I'm a 39yr old guy,
5ft8, medium build, looking for TLC with
a nice woman. Box 437569
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HI, I'm a down-2-earth male, 40, 57°,
medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTM
an out-going female for good times. Box
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Attractive guy, nice to be with, laid back,
I'm 41, 5ft9, medium/stocky build, brown
hair. Own business and home, enjoys
walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema
Box 430286
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43yr old male, 5ft11, fair-grey hair, love
photography, reading, music, fishing,
country walks, WLTM like-minded ladies
for meeting up and conversation, maybe
more. Box 437365

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MISS THIS MISS OUT
43yr old happy-go-lucky male, dark hair,
like theatre, beach walks, restaurants,
looking for loving, warm female for lasting relationship. Box 437561
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race, for fiendship and love. Box 300852.

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Cruising tour is ice cool

BY LOUISE CAHILL

YOU might not imagine celebrated Italian film director Federico Fellini to be automatically associated with cruising – but the presence of the great man looms large on the giant 85,000-tonne Costa Atlantica superliner.

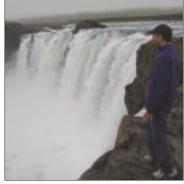
Our cabin was on Deck Eight And A Half, named after one of Fellini's most famous films. The deck directly below, Ginger and Fred, recalled a Fellini TV movie and other deck names inspired by his movies include La Strada, Roma and La Dolce Vita.

Once on board, the link begins to make sense, for the bold interior design of Costa Atlantica blends classical Italy with more contemporary ideas. The lobby space, spanning eight decks, feels a bit like a cathedral at sea.

The other eye-catching feature about Costa, which really moved into mainstream cruising when the founding Italian family sold out to Carnival and Airtours (the UK operator no longer with us) back in 1997, is the prices.

While Costa has dramatically upgraded the quality of its fleet, value for money remains a strong point and some of its cruise-only prices come in under £100 per day. Money saved is often splashed out on luxury spa facilities which are another Costa hallmark.

For our voyage to the Norwegian Fjords, we found our own way to Amsterdam as an



WINTER WONDERLAND: Stunning water features are mixed with Iceland's volcanic landscapes and snow

overnight stay in this delightful Dutch city made the ideal curtain-raiser to our voyage.

Ahead of us lay some ports with a rich nautical history – Bergen, Hellesylt, Geiranger, Alesund in Norway; Torshavn on the Faroes, Akureyri and Reykjavik in Iceland, even the remote Scottish ports of Lerwick and Invergordon – before Amsterdam again.

Although Costa claims to promote 'Cruising Italian Style', its passengers are drawn mainly from Western Europe. English is quite rarely heard and often squeezed out by Italians, Spaniards, French and Germans.

Although cabin space on board Costa

Atlantica isn't vast, no fewer than 620 of its 999 cabins have private balconies. Dotted around a dozen decks, you'll also find three restaurants, 12 bars, a three-deck theatre, casino, disco and more. Not to mention three swimming pools (one with a retractable roof), a water-chute and four jacuzzis.

The itinerary was fascinating and included

The itinerary was fascinating and included gorgeous Geiranger and a tour to the top of Mount Dalsnibba: the midnight sun was another attraction.

Despite her vast size, Atlantica navigated her way through some tight twists and turns in locations only usually heard of on weather warnings: Bailey, South East Iceland, Fair Isle and Farres.

The volcanic basalt of the Faroe Islands is thought to be 60 million years old. We docked at Torshavn, supposedly named after Thor, the Norse god of thunder.

The skies were certainly not something we were used to. During summer, it's traditional for the Faroese to climb a 2,500m mountain to experience sunset and sumrise with just an hour in between.

Iceland, first colonised by Irish monks in 870AD, is a joy of glacial activity, volcanoes and memories of Viking sagas. We were then thrilled by Dimmuborgir with its lava formations, followed by the geothermal field of hot springs at Hevrir with its' belching mud pools.

The price was worth it just for the sky near Surtsey, a volcanic island and the southernmost point of Iceland. Photographing the striped red and yellow display, I lingered on our balcony – it would have been an insult to the sky to sleep.

FACT FILE: ICELAND

Time differe	nce As UK time
Currency	Krona (approx 130 to £1)
Capital	Rekjavik
Population	313,376
Language	Icelandic
Religion	National Church of Iceland
Climate	Cool temperate

Holiday details

Louise Cahill was a guest of Costa Cruises, which offers a 13-night voyage from Amsterdam to Iceland and Norway's fjords in June 2008 from £1,669, cruise-only full fare.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Remortgage figures on the increase

ABOUT half of all mortgage activity last month resulted from home-owners seeking remortgages, it has emerged following recent studies

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The figures will fuel concern of a slow-down in the housing market, particularly among first-time buyers.

Figures from the British Bankers' Association, drawing on data from all major UK banks, show an increase in both new mortgage approvals and remortgaging.

The study is the most extensive of its

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There was a 17 per cent rise in remortgages, with 79,016 home-owners refinancing their properties.

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Remortgage activity now makes up 49 per cent of all activity, the highest proportion since the BBA began collecting data in 1997.

But mortgage approvals were still up on the month before, rising to 44,288.

BBA director of statistics David Dooks

BBA director of statistics David Dooks said: "Higher gross mortgage lending in January largely reflected very strong remortgaging activity, as borrowers sought out the best deals available."

France and Spain lose out to Austria

AUSTRIA is gaining prominence as a destination for a second home because properties are often cheaper and easier to buy than in other European countries.

The central European state is gaining ground at the expense of more traditional areas such as France and Spain.

Also surging ahead in popularity are the emerging eastern European destinations of Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Slovenia.

Experts say the Austrian property market is experiencing a change as it moves away from providing for holidaymakers and enters the second-home market. Prices in the country have remained stable in recent years and the number of homes changing hands each year is relatively low.

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However, new EU regulations have made mortgages more readily available, encouraging buyers from abroad.

Property prices in Austria are now ris-

Property prices in Austria are now rising at between six and seven per cent a year and the country has been included in the list of 20 best locations to secure positive returns by the BBC's A Place In The Sun show.

Now's the time to snap up a bargain

BY NICK AMES

WHILE much of the UK recorded a monthly fall in new home prices in January, conditions could be ideal for bargain hunters.

According to property specialist Smart NewHomes.com, developer incentives and competitive prices mean now is an ideal time for new home buyers to secure a bargain ahead of anticipated price rises in the spring.

The South East and London remain the most expensive areas in which to buy, but property in Scotland is also increasing in value ahead of the rest of the country

The new homes market typically suffers from a slow start to the year and the 0.5 per cent fall in average prices recorded in January is no cause for alarm, say experts.

However, while average prices over the last quarter have flattened, they are expected to pick up as more buyers return to the market with renewed confidence – fuelled by interest rate cuts expected over the coming months.

David Bexon, of SmartNewHomes.com, said: "Despite a slow start to the year, prices are likely to pick up as buyer confidence returns, fuelled in part by a series of further interest rate cuts which I would expect to see as early as March. However, the current dip in prices across the new homes market makes now an excellent time to buy."

Other experts do not share the optimism. Capital Economics, the consultancy led by one of the City's leading economists, Roger Bootle, has long been predicting that the UK house price boom will come to an end.

This past year, studies indicated that prices would rise by only 3.5 per cent, and as it turns out, they could be on target. But citing a slowing economy, expensive prices, stricter lending and more mortgage defaults, Capital Economics has revised predictions for 2008.

The consultancy's Ed Stansfield said: "We

The consultancy's Ed Stansfield said: "We expect house prices to fall 5 per cent next year and a further 8 per cent in 2009, wiping out the gains of the last 18 months."

"The long-overdue housing market correction now appears to be under way."



BUYING: Mixed opinion on house prices sees some experts suggesting now is the time to buy; others are more cautious

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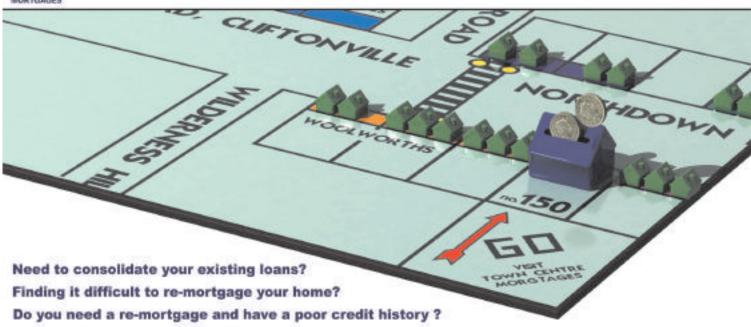




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With interest rates dropping and our financial year end fast approaching, now is the time to buy at Millwood's coastal collection that includes its spectacular St Augustine's Park development in Westgateon-Sea, as well as the exclusive Upton Grange in Broadstairs.

St Augustine's Park offers a range of family homes and contemporary apartments that have proved through continued sales success to be the best new address in the area. Upton Grange is a select collection of 4 & 5 bedroom detached homes that has also seen off-plan sales.

Incentives tailored for you...

With Spring rapidly appraoching, now is the time to buy to guarentee a Summer in these two fantastic Kentish locations. Furthermore as it is our year end, to make the homes even more inviting, Millwood is offering a range of incentives, from £650 paid towards a purchaser's mortgage every month for a year, to Part Exchange.*

Don't miss out on a hassle free move!

By reserving one of the beautiful houses at St Augustine's Park or Upton Grange, you could Part Exchange* your existing home, meaning you can enjoy a hassle-free move and can be safe in the knowledge that Millwood is your guaranteed buyer*. Furthermore, the scheme means there will be no chains collapsing at the last minute, as well as no estate agents fees or HIP pack to prepare and pay for*, leaving you with more money to spend on your new home.



An incentive perfect for first time buyers...

Alternatively, buyers have the chance to receive £650 paid towards their mortgage every month for a whole year* if they reserve one of the apartments at St Augustine's Park, leaving them with much more money to spend on themselves.

Exclusive family properties...

Situated on Lymington Road, St Augustine's Park offers purchasers an eclectic mix of properties with something for everyone. Millwood has created an idyllic new community, which is the epitome of timeless elegance and the diverse range of architecture that can be seen throughout the scheme demonstrates this.

The stunning apartments and 3 and 4 bedroom family homes at St Augustine's Park offer an

excellent specification including fitted kitchens with integrated appliances, luxurious white bathroom suites and en-suites to the master bedroom, with either a garage or parking. Furthermore, some of the apartments also feature Juliet balconies to the living room or bedroom.

Welcome to coastal living...

St Augustine's Park is one mile from the centre of this charming seaside village, which offers the best of both worlds for those looking for a coastal retreat, whilst still being within easy reach of the motorway network and London.

Situated on Vale Road, Upton Grange is within easy reach of the beach and historic town centre with its street cafes, unique antique shops and stylish boutiques, as well as reputable schools.





Advertorial



Sales success!

Millwood is currently selling phase three of St Augustine's Park, with phases one and two all sold. The sales success has continued to rise as more people are wanting to live at this premier new address. Furthermore, four of the eleven homes at Upton Grange have been reserved since their recent launch and purchasers are urged to view both development to ensure they don't miss out.

A chance to view...

Apartments at St Augustine's Park are priced from £175,000 and houses are priced from £290,000, and there are limited opportunities, so contact the Marketing Suite and Show Home, which is open daily from 10am-5pm, on 01843 836901.

Prices at Upton Grange are from £440,000 and for further information, please contact the Marketing Suite and Show Home on 01843 862301.

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MOTORS NEWS



Jodi's Great Wall charity challenge

SERIOUS illness in her family sparked a charity challenge for Lipscomb sales administrator Jodi Sexton.

Based at the motor group's Chartham, Canterbury site, Jodi is raising funds for Children with Leukaemia by joining the Beijing Olympics Trek Open Challenge in August, trekking the Great Wall route in temperatures of 27-32 C.

Jodi's cousin Andrew was diagnosed

Jodi's cousin Andrew was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia, which is why she chose the charity. Jodi is funding the trip herself so that all sponsorship goes to the charity. Pledges can be made via Jodi at Lipscomb at 0845 338 9902 or at www. Bmycharity.com/jodischinatrek.



Skoda draws green line

SKODA has launched a version of its allnew Fabia supermini officially capable of averaging around 70mpg.

Kent commuters to London by road will also like the fact that CO2 emissions of just 109g/km of CO2 exempt it from

the capital's congestion charge.

The 1.4 TDI Fabia GreenLine –
£11,490 and £12,140 in hatch and estate
form respectively – achieves this miserly feat through aerodynamic panels fitted beneath the chassis, replacement of the spare tyre with a puncture repair kit and raising the front bumper by 35mm.



Lexus V8 is gunning for its German rivals

LEXUS wants to inject a more potent image into its Lexus IS compact executive saloon series, which tends to be overshadowed by German rivals.

overshadowed by German rivals.

Toyota's luxury arm has unveiled a potent V8 version due here in April and dubbed the IS-F in a clear effort to attack the BMW M3, Mercedes C55 AMG and Audi S4 performance flag-ships. Apart from a pronounced V8 burble the car will stand out with distinctive styling such as double vertically stacked twin exhausts.



POWERFUL: The VXR is certainly a muscular beast, but whether or not the boy racers it will appeal to can afford it is another matter entirely

Crouching Sumo has finesse and power

IS the Corsa VXR a muscular athlete or muscle-bound lout?

A pumped-up bodykit and fat alloys suggest the latter, but a spell behind the wheel argues the former.

But is the question irrelevant when most of the turbocharged pocket rocket's fans are too young to afford to buy, run and insure it? It might be a small hatchback, but it costs

£15,625; enthusiastic use of its 189bhp and 0-60mph in less than seven seconds decimates the official 35.8mpg average; and the insurance is group 16.

Those who actually can afford to run such a car are likely to prefer something more grownup or wearing a classier or trendier badge. On the other hand, is it that the car's really

a 'halo model' drawing attention to the overall Corsa line-up and especially, the cheaper and more civilized yet still racy Corsa SRi with VXR accoutrements?

Probably, but the VXR still deserves judgement on its own merits. It certainly looks the part with showy alloys and body kit, although the dumpy rear looks like a crouching sumo

ROAD TEST **VAUXHALL CORSA VXR**

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY			
Driving appeal	****		
Image	****		
Space	****		
Value	****		
Running costs	****		
Reliability	****		
Green rating	****		

wrestler with its wheel arch vents and diffuser. The interior is smart thanks to alloy highlights and fabulous Recaro front seats – these might not give much, but the contoured comfort is startling.

Climb past the Recaros – their wide shoul-

ders make this harder than standard Corsa seats – and you also have enough rear space to imagine some young dads persuading 'er indoors that it really is a "good motor for the family, luv".

Couple this with decent ride quality and cruising refinement and the VXR is a hot hatchback that you really can live with on a long journey, yet it also 'walks the talk' to go with its looks.

The car has tenacious grip without unnecessarily hard suspension, plus good steering feedback and a tidy flat cornering stance.

The impressive engine power also feeds efficiently to the road without the steering wheel fight of the bigger Astra VXR, and links well with a well-spaced and slick six-speed gear-

Pumped up it might be, but the Corsa VXR is no lout.



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FORD FOCUS ESTATE



FORD'S estate spin-off from the original futuristic Focus design was not the most convincing looker, but proved to be an effective load lugger with all the driving virtues of its sister. Secondhand bargain hunters will find plenty of engine and trim choice at affordable prices - many companies bought these to put reps and their samples on the road - but check for high mileage and abuse. If you can afford them, Focus Mk II estates make more elegant used buys.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

VAUXHALL MERIVA



IT has not enjoyed the new car sales success of its Zafira big brother, but used car buyers know the value of the Corsa-based Vauxhall Meriva. It's compact yet still has a higher driving position; it is also tall and capacious yet handles with car-like sure-footedness. Mix in a good range of engines and trim - including a scorching VXR version - and you start to see why this flexible five-door MPV is sought after on the used market.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

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Closing date: Monday 10th March 2008 istening, Learning, Leadir

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Conservation Officer (Policy & Planning)

Salary range £21,806 - £25,872

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Closing date for applications - 20th March 2008

Living Landscapes Team Leader

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You will be responsible for taking forward the Trust's work on promoting and delivering the restoration of biodiversity at the landscape-scale. The post will have line management responsibilities and will involve co-ordination with other Wildlife Trusts in the South East region

Closing date for applications - 17th March 2008

Living Landscapes Project Officer

Salary range £19,096 - £23,161

You will be driving forward the delivery of landscape scale biodiversity restoration projects within identified project areas, bringing together stakeholders, co-ordinating and facilitating the work of project partners, and working to make real change happen on the ground.

Closing date for applications - 17th March 2008

For full details and application form please contact: Dot Hughes on 01622 662012 email: dot.hughes@kentwildlife.org.uk visit: www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk

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Section Manager Construction Crafts

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum Post Ref: 08/12/KOS

We require a dynamic individual to manage the Construction Crafts provision in the College. It is essential to have experience of working in at least one area of wood, brick or trowel.

The successful candidate will have excellent leadership skills. good oral and written communication skills, a strong focus on quality and experience of teaching.

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk.or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the past reference.

The closing date for the above post is Monday 17 March at 12 noon. Interviews to be held on 3 April 2008

Staff benefits include:

Close to City Centre

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Temporary Section Manager Sports, Leisure, Travel & Tourism

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum One year temporary post to cover maternity leave Interviews to be held on 2 April 2008 Post Ref: 08/27/KOS

Lecturer Construction Crafts

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum Post Ref: 08/18/KOS

Lecturer Motor Vehicle

Pull and Part time hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum (Pro Rata for part time posts) Post Ref: 08/28/KO5

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Science/Chemistry (to teach ND Science/AS/A levels)

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Post Ref: 5/Arc/KOS

AS/A level Economics

Past Ref: S/Eco/KOS

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Registry Manager

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £36,365 per annum Post Ref: 04/169/KOS

Interviews to be held on 28 March 2008

Infrastructure Team Leader (Computing Support)

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £23,651 per annum Post Ref: NTL1/KOS

Senior Nursery Officer - Education and Curriculum

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum Post Ref: 08/04/KOS

Pre 16 Learning Support

25 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum Fixed term post ending 31 August 2010 Post Ref: 07/17/KOS

Trainer Demonstrator Sport & Leisure

9.25 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum Post Ref: 08/26/KOS

Learning Support - Basic Skills & ESOL

18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum Post Ref: 06/52/NO5

Temporary Senior Administrator for Work Based Learning

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum Temporary post up to 1 May 2009 to cover maternity leave Post Ref: ATCI/KDS

Temporary Train to Gain Administrator

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum. Temporary post up to 16 January 2009 to cover maternity leave Post Ref: 07/83/KO5

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Post Ref: NVQ/EY/KDS

Play work

Post Ref: NVQ/PW/KQS

Supply Recreation Assistant

Various hours available, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum Post Ref: S/RA/KOS

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Based at the Adolescent Resource Centre, Chatham, Medway Youth Offending Team are seeking to appoint a full-time education liaison officer to work with young people known to the team on education, inclusion and related matters.

We require a resourceful, knowledgeable and proactive person with excellent communication skills to work on an operational level with young people and parents/guardians and also negotiate on a strategic level. You will liaise directly with schools, pupil referral units and related departments in Medway's Children's Services to ensure all young people of statutory school age, who are known to YOT and are experiencing school-related problems, receive appropriate provision and support. The role is a specialist post in the team and the successful candidate will act as a source of advice for colleagues on all education, training, admissions and placement matters, primarily for pupils of statutory school age. This post reports directly to the team's Learning and Skills Development Manager. Any offer of appointment will be subject to a

For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Mark Walsh on 01634 336236 or 07789 988165 (mobile). Closing date: 14 March, 2008.

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 Have expertise in assessment and experience of data management as a tool for raising standards; Have a proven track record of ICT, management skills and financial

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Closing date: 14 March Interviews: 25/26 March

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For an application form contact: KCA (UK) Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Tel: 01795 590635, Fax: 01795 539351, email marina@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk. Closing date: 14th March 2008 at 12 noon Interview date: 4th April 2008 in Faversham If you would like to discuss this post further please call Linda Ranger on 01277 781. 297

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With a good understanding of the health and social care sector, you will have experience of managing and delivering funded research projects, a strong personal record of research, possess excellent analytical and people management skills, as well as a commitment to collaborative and interdisciplinary working. We welcome applications from a broad range of disciplines including health and social care, social sciences, education, business and health services research. A doctoral qualification is essential. This is an excellent opportunity to help shape an emerging area of research growth and would suit an ambitious individual keen to join a dynamic and forward thinking organisation.

For informal enquiries please contact Carrie Sanders, Head of Department on +44 (0)1227 782649 or e-mail carolyn.sanders@canterbury.ac.uk Ref: PL/NAC/77.

Interview date: 10 April 2008

Graduation & Awards Manager

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum

You will be responsible for the planning and execution of graduation and award ceremonies across the University. This involves the preparation and delivery of seven Cathedral based ceremonies, six in Canterbury and one in Rochester, as well as a number of campus-based events. Cathedral ceremonies are highly complex events involving up to 1,500 dignitaries, staff, students and guests and therefore require meticulous planning.

Qualified to first degree or equivalent, you will possess experience of organising large public events and administration within an HE/FE environment, Proven interpersonal skills, clear and concise oral/written communication skills, report writing skills, a commitment to accuracy and the ability to work effectively under pressure whilst remaining calm are all essential to the role. Ref: GAM/REG/77.

Temporary Conference Services Supervisor

(1 May 2008 to 30 September 2008) £15, 300 per annum

The Department is responsible for the provision and marketing of conference and event facilities at the North Holmes Campus and at St Martin's Priory in Canterbury.

You will join this busy team and assist the Conference Co-ordinator with the co-ordination of all bookings during the summer vacation for residential conferences, group bookings, language schools, individual lets and summe schools as well as bookings of university meetings and seminars.

As an enthusiastic and energetic team player you will also need to have experience of working in the conference and hospitality industry and be willing to contribute to the development of departments services within and outside the University. Ref: CSS1/HOS/77.

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Breakfast Chef (25 hours)

(Fixed term until 31 July 2008)

£13,739 pro-rata per annum

You will be a Chef who can demonstrate the ability to produce breakfast daily for the University's students, staff and visitors

You will hold the City & Guilds 706/1/2 or NVQ Level 2/3 in Food Preparation and Cooking and hold a current Certificate in Food Hygiene (awarded in last 2 years). Hours are mainly 7 am to 12 pm Monday to Friday but with rostered weekend working during the summer conference season of July, August and September Ref: BC/CAT/77.

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Closing date: 17 March 2008.

Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk. Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail hr@canterbury.ac.uk quoting appropriate reference. No agencies.

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Each Planning Forum is responsible for driving forward the government's 14-19 reforms to encourage more young people to continue learning for longer and gain the skills and gualifications they need to progress into further education or employment. Central to the reforms are the 14-19 Diplomas which the Strategic Co-ordinator will play a pivotal role in. The primary focus at this stage is delivery of Diplomas but in due course the Co-ordinator will be the driving force behind the planning forums to ensure an appropriate range of provision is available for all young people in the Shepway and Ashford areas to meet the national 14-19 entitlement.

We are seeking to appoint a committed, innovative and motivated individual. You will be able to demonstrate excellent leadership skills, have good project management skills and successful experience of working in partnership with multiple organisations. Applicants must have knowledge and understanding of 14-19 developments nationally and locally, excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work independently The work will be based between Shepway and Ashford, flexibility and willingness to travel is essential.

To obtain a full job description please email Katherine.daynes@lsc.gov.uk or telephone 0845 019 4152.

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Closing date 21st March 2008

Interviews 25th - 28th March 2008

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You responsibilities will include developing and reviewing an exciting and innovative programme of courses to meet current needs of Medway residents and monitoring delivery to ensure that targets are met and effective quality improvement is implemented.

Applicants should have substantial teaching experience and qualified teaching status. A good knowledge of quality standards in adult learning is required, together with relevant management experience.

For an informal discussion relating to job ref. COM0906L, please contact Sohini Patel on 01634 338343 or email sohini.patel@medway.gov.u

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Learning Support Assistant – Skills for Life: Literacy and Numeracy. Two Posts. Ref: COM0910L

Grade D2 (NJC points 12-21). Salary £14,492 - £18,430 pro rata. Two hours per week.

Applicants must have a good general education including GCSE English and Maths or equivalent, and C&G Level 2 certificate in Adult Learner Support, or equivalent.

For an informal discussion, please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423.

To apply for the positions above

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Course Leader for Trinity Cert TESOL

Ref: COM0911E

LNFA scale point 4-8. Salary £19.847 - £24.254 pro rata. 200 hours per annum (minimum).

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Skills for Life ESOL (FLLN) Ref: COM0912E

You will deliver ESOL to parents and carers and both young and school-aged children, focusing on family and school life.

All applicants must have a teaching qualification and Level 4 ESOL subject specialism or be currently working towards their Level 4.

Skills for Life: Numeracy Ref: COM0913E

Applicants must have a teaching qualification and Level 4 subject specialism, or be working towards one

Other Sessional Tutor Vacancies Ref: COM0914E

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All applicants must hold a suitable teaching qualification.

For an informal discussion about the above posts, please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or Email: christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk

Any offer of appointment for any of these positions will be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.

Closing date for all vacancies: 7 March, 2008.

To apply for the positions above

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For an application form and information pack please call 01843 862123 during normal office hours (9a.m. to 5p.m. Mon to Fri), or email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Please note that CVs will not be considered

Applications should be received no later than 12 noon, Friday 7th March 2008.

Selection events will take place on 25th March and 1st April 2008







Rainham School for Girls

(A Specialist Technology College & Training School) Derwent Way, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent ME8 0BX. Tel: 01634 362 746 (NOR 1500) Head Teacher: Mrs J Dunn

Mathematics Teachers required for September 2008 Applications welcome from experienced teachers and NQTs

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Any offer of employment for this post will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Record

This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Application forms and further details are available from Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer at the School.

. . 01634 362746, Fax: 01634 388334. email: dfrancis@rsg.org.uk

Closing date: 10th March 2008



Finance Manager

Starting salary £57,507, with progression through contribution related pay to £67,081 per annum

Sessions House, Maidstone

As an 'excellent' Local Authority, Kent has a dynamic and high profile Children, Families and Education Directorate. The Finance Unit is an innovative and fast moving function, with highly motivated staff, ambitious in their drive to improve services to schools and service managers.

An experienced and effective finance manager, you will work closely with the Director of Finance and Corporate Services to deliver financial excellence. Your outstanding technical skills will allow you to convey complex financial information to schools and Directorate budget managers. Your communication skills will allow you to work with Members, The Directorate Managing Director, Directors and other senior officers on a regular basis.

You will show strong leadership skills and the ability to motivate and manage excellence in others You will also be committed, flexible and show a natural affinity for team working. Ref: CFE/o8/oo48. Closing date: midday, 7 March 2008.

Clerking Agency Manager

Starting salary £19,572 with progression through contribution related pay to £22,268 pro rata

Term Time only - hours are negotiable to the right candidate.

Office based in Maidstone, The ability to travel to all parts of the county

It will be your responsibility to oversee our countywide clerking service – making sure that it runs as efficiently and effectively as possible ensuring we are meeting all the standards in our service level agreements. You will co-ordinate recruitment, manage staff deployment, promote the service and contribute to its development and growth.

Along with an NVQ3 (or equivalent) qualification in Business Administration or Management, and a good knowledge of governing body procedures you will also be an experienced clerk to a governing body. Couple this with strong ICT skills, a confident approach, a flair for managing conflicting priorities and a willingness to undertake some of your hours during the evenings; this could be the beginning of a rewarding career. Ref: CFE/08/0062

Closing date: midday, 10 March 2008.

The Alternative Curriculum Co-ordinator in Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley have the following vacancies to work part-time.

Personal Assistant to the Alternative Curriculum Co-Ordinator

Starting salary £16,221 with progression through contribution related pay to £17,842 pro rata

18.5 hours per week

lovnes House, Gravesend

You will be supporting this management post within the Childrens' Services Clusters in the area. The co-ordinator is a KCC Manager responsible for placing 'hard to place' children in education provision.

You will ideally be able to provide evidence of the ability to work effectively in such a supporting role: this includes dealing with parents, other Childrens' Services agencies and schools but not directly with young people. Ref: CFE/08/0061

Teaching Assistant

Starting salary £13,619 with progression through contribution related pay to £15,440 pro rata

20 Hours per week Term Time only

Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley

You will be supporting disengaged and disaffected KS4 students in the area.

You will have to provide evidence of effective working with disengaged KS4 students and have a proven commitment to curriculum innovation. Ref: CFE/08/0059

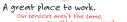
The above two posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau

For an informal discussion about the above 2 posts, please contact Joanne Kendall on 01474 544582.

Closing date for the above two posts: midday, 6 March 2008

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An enhanced CRB disclosure check will be required Closing Date: Tuesday 25th March Interviews: Tuesday 1st April

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April 2008 - July 2009 Maidstone

This exciting opportunity is for talented professionals with a passion for developing and supporting the school workforce. Are you:

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- Able to advise and support schools on workforce development issues and their link to whole school improvement?
- Creative, flexible, forward thinking?
- Excellent at presentations to colleagues?
- · Wanting an exciting professional development opportunity?

You will work in a small team with the Workforce Development Manager, across the county. You will be involved in developing and delivering training and giving in school support on issues including; Performance Management, Change Management, Sustainability, Restructuring and Work Life balance and how they all link to school improvement.

Ref: CFE/o8/oos6

For an informal discussion please contact Caroline Pitt, Workforce Development Manager on 01622 203800 or email: caroline.pitt@kent.gov.uk

Closing date: midday, 13 March 2008.

Interview date: 25 March 2008.

Sure Start Children's Centres are at the heart of the Government's strategy to give every child the very best start in life. Currently, there are 20 Sure Start Children's Centres across Kent, offering children under five and their families access to services and support that includes high-quality early education and day care, family support and health services, training and job information. Building on this significant success, Kent County Council is committed to opening a further 52 centres between now and the end of 2008

We are now looking for highly motivated people who can contribute to making a positive impact for children, families

Children's Centre Manager

Starting salary £29,190, with progression through contribution related pay to £34,507 per annum

For this post, you will need to lead an integrated team to work in partnership with parents and carers and a range of partners and organisations across Kent to meet the specific needs of children under five and their families. With a degree, or

equivalent qualification in health, social work, education, community work, childcare or a similar field, you must be able to lead a multi-agency service, demonstrating excellent interpersonal and communication skills. You will also have the National Professional Qualification in Integrated Centre Leadership or be willing to work towards this qualification

Tonbridge Ref: CFE/o8/oo7o Interviews date: 22 April 2008.

A great place to work.



Starting salary £19,572, with progression through contribution related pay to £22,268 per annum (pro rata for part-time)

We are seeking to recruit Community Involvement Workers to work in Children's Centres across Tonbridge and Malling. You will work as part of multi-agency team, raising awareness in the community about the range of services on offer in the centres. For those families who do not use the Children's Centres, you will provide important information and access to services

those of the wider community are sought and included in the to have strong interpersonal skills with an enthusiastic, tactful and flexible approach. You will need to demonstrate a clear understanding of how to support the most vulnerable families to access services to improve the outcomes for children. The role will include the co-ordination of the recruitment. training and management of volunteers to support the running of the Children's Centre. The Malling post could offer

Tonbridge Ref: CFE/08/0071

Malling Ref: CFE/08/0072

to the Criminal Records Bureau.

or email: dion.darley@kent.gov.uk

Closing date for both posts: midday, 18 March 2008.

Interview date for the Tonbridge post: 30 April 2008.

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Finance Stream

c. £17.500 - £29.000 pa inc

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must have a genuine interest in the public sector, communication skills and commitment to a career as a finance professional.

In return, we will provide you with the chance to achieve the valuable contacts and discover your ideal role whilst being fully career in finance. Ref: CED/o8/oo14

Closing date: midday, 7th March 2008.

Community Involvement Workers

You will ensure that the views of children and their families and development of services in the Children's Centres. You will need

opportunities for part-time working.

These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application

To find out more please contact Dion Darley on 01622 626761

Interview date for the Malling post: 24 April 2008

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Personnel opportunities in West Malling

Employee Services Team Manager

Fixed term contract

Salary £34,507 to £39,712 pa*

Managing a team, you will ensure we are delivering quality, cost-effective services across Kent County Council. You will be responsible for ensuring the right resources are in place to provide integrated Personnel/Payroll the right resources are in place to provide integrated resonance/rayford services. You will be performing a strategic role, advising and guiding the organisation on best practice and service improvements in Personnel and Development. We have established an integrated, partnership approach both internally and externally – one that allows us to achieve the highest standards in everything we do.

Along with experience of managing within a personnel and/or payroll environment, you'll need strong evaluation skills and a talent for implementing change. You should also demonstrate a solutions-orientated attitude and a great eye for detail. Ref: CED/08/0023

Interview date: 19th March 2008

Employee Services Team Assistant

Permanent and temporary positions available, part-time considered

. Salary £15,440 to £19,572 pa* If you're of graduate calibre or have personnel, recruitment or payroll experience and enjoy working in a fast-paced, customer focused environment this role could be ideal.

Providing a professional personnel and payroll service you'll prepare and collate personnel and payroll information and review office systems and procedures, recommending enhancements where appropriate. This is an excellent chance for a motivated individual to broaden their skills and help shape our future services. Ref: CED/o8/0024

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Ref: P0366



Accounts Assistant

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Main duties include:

- Co-ordinate completion and distribution of monthly management accounts.
- · Responsible for the accurate completion of monthly P&L expenditure analysis.
- · Assist in completion of the year end accounting pack.
- · Accurate processing of supplier invoices and employee expenses.
- Ensure that all processing is completed in time for month end.
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CLOSING DATE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS: 15/3/08

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Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum Office Skills



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Post Ref: SH/TWP/KOS

Senior Learning Resources Officer

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,775 per annum Post Ref: 53/KOS

Supply NVQ Assessors/Internal Verifiers are required in the following areas:

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Beauty

Construction

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Currently, located at four sites in Maidstone, Chatham and Rochester we will open our new £82 million campus to students in September 2009

We are looking for individuals who will encourage learning for life and enhance our existing teams in the following areas:



The post-holder will be involved in the delivery and teaching of Health, Social & Childcare from foundation to level 3, Ed excel/CACHE programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within either Health, Social Care or Childcare environments. The department will also consider applications for candidates who are interested in hourly paid or part-time teaching. Please note the closing date for this post is Friday, 10 March 2008.

Marketing & Communications Ref: P0610 Officer 0 0 1

Support Grade F: £23,669 - £30,027

You'll be responsible for managing all the College's internal and external communications, including writing and editing the weekly staff newsletter, press releases, and maintaining the relevant areas of the College website, Additional duties will include writing copy for advertising campaigns in a variety of media and performing other marketing activities

You should educated to HND/degree standard, with excellent verbal and written communication skills and have the ability to work flexibly - often under pressure to meet tight Experience in a similar role would be an advantage. Ability to travel between sites is essential

Assistant Accountants

In order to strengthen the central Finance team and support the College as it progresses through a period of radical change, we are aiming to make three appointments:

Post 1 - Circa £15,000 + Ref: P0605 training package

The successful candidate will work as part of the Credit Control team and will have ACCA/CIMA level 1 qualification or equivalent (e.g. AAT)

Post 2 - Circa £20.000 + training package

The post-holder will work with the Financial Management team and will be a part-qualified accountant.

Post 3 - Circa £25,000 + Ref: P0607 training package

Working with the Financial Management team you will have either recently qualified or be at the finalist stage of your qualification

All applicants will need to be able to demonstrate recent and relevant knowledge and experience in finance and a good understanding of computerised systems. In return you will be expected to complete a full ACCA or CIMA accounting qualification within a specified timeframe.

Work Placement Co-ordinator Ref: P0509 (Term-Time)

Support Grade C: £16,199 - £20,324 pro-rata

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic professional to we are seeking to appoint an entitustastic professional up place, monitor and assess students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities in their work placements. The candidate will be able to work with minimum guidance, prioritise work effectively and demonstrate excellent organisational skills. The successful candidate will have a previous experience in a childcare profession e.g. nursery education, health visiting or ancide swint. or social services.

Ref: P0615 College Information Services Assistant

(Fixed-Term to July 2009 15hrs per week) Support Grade A: £11,599 - £16,199 pro-rata

The post will provide assistance to the existing CIS team in auditing information systems. Ideally, the successful candidate will have 5 GCSEs at Grade A* - C or equivalent, including English and Mathematics. The department will also consider applications for candidates who are interested in term-time only working.





Technician in Hair Design Ref: P0044 (Part-Time 18.5 hours per week) Support Grade A: £11,599 - £16,199

We are looking to recruit a highly motivated individual to provide guidance and support to students and assist with the running of various classes. The successful candidate will have good organisational and communication skills and have relevant experience within Hair Design.

Technician in Wood **Occupations**

Support Grade B: £15,057 - £18,534

As a member of Construction Crafts team you will undertake all support duties associated with craft workshops as directed by teaching or instructing staff. You will have experience working in a relevant occupation and be able to demonstrate good organisational skills.

Administration Assistant/DSA Ref: P0534 (Rochester & Maidstone)

(Part-Time 18 hours per week)
Support Grade A: £11,599 - £16,199
You will provide efficient and effective day-to-day
administrative support and assistance to at least one administrative support and assistance to at least one department. You will have excellent administrative skills and experience using Microsoft Office applications. The successful applicant will be based at either our Rochester or Maidstone Campus therefore please state your preferred site on your application.

Sessional/Hourly Paid Facilitators Ref: HPS Basic Hourly Rate: £8.93 (£9.98 including holiday component)

Sessional Facilitators are required to work with individuals/groups of learners on curriculum support programmes devised by the curriculum staff and/or CAST Tutors. A clear empathy for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities and good communication skills are

Apprentice in Administration Ref: P0594 year Fixed-Term Contract)

Grade A: based on percentage of £9,631

As a member of the Business Development Team you will provide administration support to College stakeholders. The successful candidate will develop competencies to meet NVQ Level 2 Standards of performance.

All posts are full-time (37 hours per week) unless otherwise stated. The benefits of joining Mid-Kent College include generous annual leave, final salary pension scheme, flexible

All posts are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour machine) e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk quoting the appropriate job title and reference number.

Closing date: Friday, 21 March 2008

Mid-Kent College is committed to Equal Opportunities and encourages applications from all sections of the community and welcomes applications from under represented groups including black, minority ethnic and disabled people.





Highway Engineer £24,444 to £28,824

Environment

Shepway District Council requires a highly motivated and enthusiastic Highway Engineer to join the Transportation team. You will be responsible for the effective management of the district's highway responsibilities and will be expected to prepare, advertise and implement traffic regulation orders in relation to parking across the district. You will also be responsible for the maintenance and replacement of streetlights. This is an exciting time to join as we are currently designing a parking scheme for Folkestone Central and you will have the opportunity to shape the development of this and many

You must have:

- · Substantial relevant post qualification experience in a Highway
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 HNC/HND in Civil Engineering or equivalent.
- Be able to demonstrate a good understanding of local authority highway
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- Be able to demonstrate a flexible attitude to work and that you are a good communicator, both written and verbal.

For an informal discussion, please contact Frederick Miller, Transportation

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The closing date for applications is Friday 14 March 2008.



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the University of Greenwich at Medway

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Ref: 00935/K3

 ${f B}$ ased in the University's Partnership Division you will undertake a range of secretarial and administrative duties to support the Partnership Division with a primary focus on the administration and development of Widening Participation activities and projects.

You will have a good level of secondary education, strong IT skills with a sound knowledge of Microsoft Access, Powerpoint and Word and the ability to work with a wide range of client groups, staff and students.

You will need experience of working to tight deadlines, be prepared to travel to other University campuses, work flexible hours at peak times and be able to work on your own initiative with a minimum of

Salary Scale: £18,702 - £21,682 per annum inclusive.

We aim to be an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sagittarius given task of Silver Spring revamp

A TOP marketing firm has been given the task of putting the sparkle back into Kent's oldest soft drinks company. The Silver Spring Mineral Water Company has appointed Sagittarius

Marketing to lead a wholesale revamp of its sales and promotions approach.

The drinks company, founded in 1870, makes the Perfectly Clear range of drinks as well as Virgin Cola under licence, at its factory in Folkestone.

Charles Hagger, managing director of the marketing firm, said: "Silver Spring is one of Kent's best-kept secrets."

Mums and dads fail to make most of vouchers

THOUSANDS of parents working for small businesses in Kent are missing out on financial help which could save them more than £1,000 a year.

Research by Childcare Choice showed that only one in 100 working parents employed by small or medium-sized enterprises have signed up for the Government's childcare vouchers.

Most mums and dads who pay for childcare are entitled to savings of up to £1,195 a year.

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Car benefit changes fuel a policy rethink



BUSINESSES in the county offering company car and fuel benefits to staff need to urgently evaluate their current policy before April, according to a leading firm of chartered accountants.

The Pre-Budget Report shake-up of employee car fuel benefit will take effect from April 6, which could see some people's company car tax bill rise by almost a quarter.

But wise employees should ensure sensible management of their tax allowance, while experts can advise the best way to maximise benefits.

To avoid the tax increases, bosses need to look at only providing company cars for part of

BY JON COATES

the year and giving staff a mileage allowance for business travel instead of fuel benefits.

Richard Marshall, tax specialist at HW Chartered Accountants, said: "The car fuel benefit is set to increase considerably from April 6 this year and many workers will be clobbered with a hefty tax rise.

"With such large increases expected, employers need to sit down with staff now and determine whether they would be better off providing their own fuel and claiming a mileage allowance for business travel.

"In most circumstances, workers would be best off doing this as to make car fuel benefit financially efficient after April private mileage

needs to be high - as much as 10,000 to 12,000 miles per year."

Car fuel benefit occurs when employers pro-

vide fuel cards, credit cards or vouchers to cover the total cost of private and business mileage.

And because each case is unique there is no

blanket advice for everyone.

Mr Marshall added: "Working out car fuel benefit is complex and changes for individual employees due to differing levels of benefit.

"There are ways to help reduce an employ-ee's car tax bill that we can advise on, such as only making a company car available for part of the year or only making fuel available for business travel."

For advice Richard Marshall can be contacted at HW chartered accountants, in Armstrong Road, Maidstone, on 01622 692255.



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University challenge too much for lack-lustre Ville



TICKED OFF: Cliftonville (in red shirts) had no answer to the students' skill and pace

badly needed to win when they slid to a 3-1 defeat at the University of Kent on Saturday.

Ville started the day fourth from bottom, but hoped their greater experience would hold sway against a side who had offered little when they visited Thanet earlier in the season.

Instead they struggled to adapt to the bouncy AstroTurf and cope with the students' superior pace

and stick control.

The visitors held their own in the first half and took a lead they held comfortably until a defensive mix-up allowed Kent to draw level. Ville lost their way in the second

HOCKEY

University of Kent 3 Cliftonville 1

half, pushing players forwards and leaving themselves exposed at the back.

The students went in front when Paul McNally saved a short corner, only for the rebound to be clubbed in by a home midfielder, with the Ville claiming a foul should have

been given for a high stick.
As Ville pushed for an equaliser, an impressive passing move caught them cold and Kent

There was better news for Cliftonville Ladies who stayed in

Cintownie Ladies who sayed in the promotion hunt with a vital 1-0 win over Old Bordenians. A player-of-the-match display from Chapman inspired Ville, who took the lead with their first serious attack. A quick passing move involving Ballard and Saunders set up Sparks, who swept the ball

under the keeper.
With the keeper Pryce organising the backline superbly, Ville never looked like conceding and they were unlucky not to extend their lead as Saunders had a goal disallowed when the umpire ruled she had shot from outside the area.

Reserve teams both get beaten

IT was a grim weekend for Thanet's sides in Kent League Division 1.

Margate reserves were beaten 2-1 at

home by high-flying Sevenoaks Town, a result that leaves them in seventh place ahead of tonight's Kent Soccer Company Floodlight Trophy tie at Dover Athletic.

The Gate are then away to Maidstone United, the side immediately above them in the table, on Saturday.

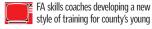
The Rams' reserves remain second from bottom after going down 5-1 at fellow strugglers Erith & Belvedere.

On Saturday they travel to fourthplaced Dartford.

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Kent Cup semis beckon for pair

BELMONTE Thanet Sunday League leaders Albion Athletic are through to the last four of the KCFA Sunday Premier Cup, after a 2-1 win at Gravesend Athletic.

Lloyds-McCarthy are also into the semi-finals after a convincing 3-0 win over Maidstone-based side Smurfit Townsend Hook.

Active bowed out at the quarter-final stage, losing 3-0 to Sun.

With Albion involved in cup action, Birchington jumped over Dolphins into second place in the Premier Division table with a 4-1 win at Athletico Port & Anchor.





HAIR WE GO: Margate's Jay Saunders (in blue) comes up trumps in a challenge with Maidstone's Craig Roser during Saturday's clash which saw the Gate snatch a last-minute victory

Gate leave it late to claim all three points

A BRILLIANT lob by Steve McKimm, 45 seconds into injurytime, handed Margate a 2-1 win over Ryman Premier Division strugglers Maidstone United at Bourne Park on Saturday.

Margate got off to the perfect start when James Pinnock's shot beat Stones keeper Pat Mullin at the near post with just 65 seconds of the first half played.

And the home side were handed a reprieve moments later when their captain Ben Lewis appeared to handle a cross, only for the referee to wave play on.

United went on to shade the first half Jacob's Erskine's fourth minute lob just cleared Scott Chalmers-Stevens' crossbar and on 26 minutes the striker punished Gate's player/manager Robin Trott for a wretched clearance, chipping Chalmers-Stevens for the equaliser.

FOOTBALL

BY FRED ATKINS

Maidstone United 1 Margate 2

Pinnock had an effort cleared off the line by Sam Tydeman and the visitors made a bright start to the second period, but they nearly fell behind with 20 minutes to play, when Maidstone's on-loan striker from Gillingham Andy Pugh hit the inside of the post from 20 yards.

With time running out Chalmers-Stevens

kept Margate in the game when he smothered the ball at Nick Hegley's feet.

In stoppage time, McKimm pounced, spotting Mullin off his line and executing a perfect lob, taking revenge for Andy Martin's injury-time winner for Maidstone at Hartsdown earlier in the season.

United manager Alan Walker was too upset to comment after the game, but his opposite

number Trott was understandably eestatic. He said: "It is very difficult to play here. Maidstone make it very hard with their playing style of three up front. The second half was a bit dreary and to be fair it was not one of the best games to watch. We sat back a bit and couldn't get going. Although we kept the ball the final

pass kept going astray."

The timing of the goal didn't concern Trott: "It was great finish to win the game. It happened in the 90th minute, but at the end of the day I couldn't care less when we scored as long as we won the game."

The result all but killed off Maidstone's lingering play-off chances, but Trott believes his side can still force themselves into contention.

"It has helped our play-off hopes," he insisted. "We have just got to keep going. Billericay are a difficult team which we face next and it is another six-pointer for us.

Ward: penalty miss was turning point

FOOTBALL

BY YOURTHANET REPORTER

Ramsgate O Carshalton 2

RAMSGATE'S play-off chances took a knock on Saturday when were beaten 2-0Carshalton at Southwood.

The visitors jumped away from the relega-tion zone with this victory and the way they set about the Rams made their league position look artificial.

Ashley Burton's clearance denied the visitors an early lead and Ramsgate might have gone in

ront, only for the ball to be buffeted by the wind when Warren Schulz was through on goal.

On 20 minutes, Dan Dolton spotted Carshalton keeper Aaron Howe off his line, but his chip just cleared the crossbar and three minutes later the visitors went in front when James Evans slipped through the defence and slotted the ball past Paul Wilkerson.

Thwarted

On the half hour it was 2-0. Carshalton counter-attacked from a Ramsgate corner and Matt York's long punt was flicked on by Michael Johnson for Ursell to add the second.

Four minutes into first half stoppage time Carshalton's Liam Harwood handled in the area, but Howe saved Lee Minshull's penalty and the Rams never really looked like scoring in the second half.

Sam Jones was thwarted by Howe in the 90th-minute and to compound the Rams' misery Burton was harshly shown a second yellow for handball in injury time.

Rams boss Jim Ward said after the game "I am disappointed. Had we scored in the last seconds of the first half with the penalty, it

could have changed the game.
"Although we had plenty of the ball in the second half, I felt neither team really tested the keepers."

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CAUGHT COLD: Rams boss Jim Ward was frustrated by his side's defeat which puts pressure on their play-off hopes



RED-CARDED: Paul Wilkerson failed with his appeal

Wilkerson loses out as ban is increased

FOLLOWING the controversial sending off of Ramsgate goalkeeper Paul Wilkerson two weeks ago, the club has failed with their appeal to get the red card rescinded.

Wilkerson was dismissed in the Rams match against Wealdstone, but appeared to be on the receiving end of a punch.

However, the appeal by the club was refused by the FA and the ban has been increased to four games. The highly-rated goalkeeper will miss the Isthmian Cup semi-final against Walton Casuals.

Ramsgate boss Jim Ward told Yourthanet: "We have appealed against his red card, but we lost so we will be without him which is a bit of a blow. I will call on Sean Aliston who plays in the reserves and has been doing well."

"If we can win the league cup then that would be a fantastic result for the club. We will be favourites to win it if we can get to the final."

This Saturday, Ramsgate will hope to get their

FOOTBALL

olay-off hunt back on track when they take on Heybridge Swifts.

The Essex side have been languishing in the bottom half of the Ryman Premier for most of

However, in their last three matches the Swifts have been victorious beating high-flying AFC Wimbledon in the process.

Ramsgate have stuttered lately with two con-

secutive defeats and will need to get back to winning ways if they are to feature in the playoffs at the end of the season.

Ward said: "Heybridge will be a tough test for

us. We have lost our last two matches, but Heybridge are in the bottom half of the league. There are no bad teams in this league so every

point earned is hard fought. "We will go there confident."



STOPPED: Thanet's woes continued with another loss

Wanderers falter after bright start

RUGBY

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THANET'S wretched season in London 1 continued after a controversial loss at home

to second-from-bottom Civil Service.

Looking for revenge against a team who Looking for revenge against a team who only beat them by two points in September, the Wanderers were desperate for points and made a strong start, racing into a 7-0 lead when Aurelien Decerf touched down.

A set scrum saw the ball passed wide to

Tom Ash, who made a 60-metre break sprinting around his opposite number. He offloaded to Decerf, who burst through to

score under the posts.
Fullback Tom Langdon converted to make it 7-0 and Thanet quickly extended

The livewire Ash was again instrumental, gathering Simon Harris' pass and breaking into the Service 22. He found support from Ben Massey who touched down in the corner, but the angle was too difficult and the conversion went wide.

Sadly that was as good as it got for Thanet, with this crucial relegation derby game hinging on the visitors hotly-disputed first try.

Pressure

Thanet missed a series of tackles, but Ash seemed to have forced the visiting scorer into touch, only for the referee to overrule his touch judge and award the try.

The conversion was missed, but with

Thanet struggling to come to terms with Thanet strugging w to the wetnis whith decision, Service chipped away at the lead, scoring another unconverted try to make it 12-10 at the interval.

Thanet promptly fell apart in the second half, shipping four more tries, two of which were converted to put Service 34-12

The home side did at least have the final word however, when constant pressure on the Service backline saw Peter Macaulay

the Service backline saw reter Macaulay find Stuart Plumridge, who dived over.

On Saturday, Thanet travel to Old Albanians for a London 1 fixture and realistically they will need to win all four of their remaining fixtures to stay in the

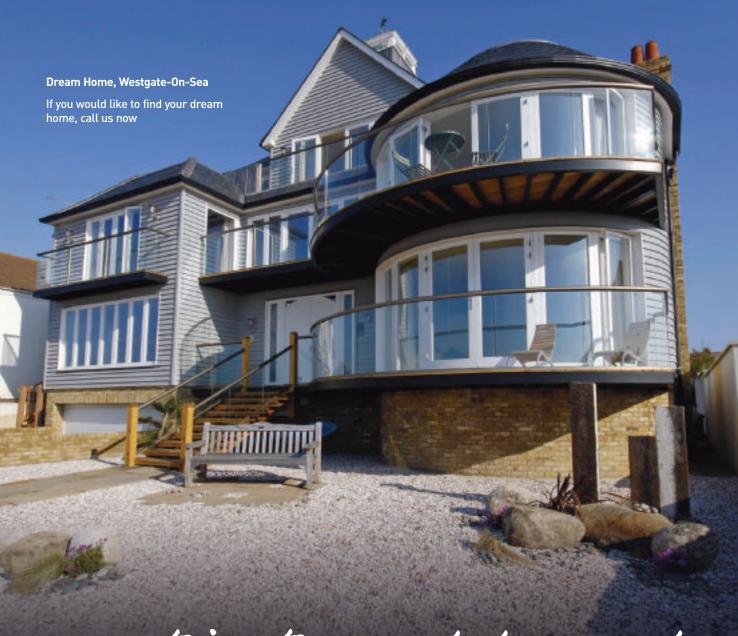
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